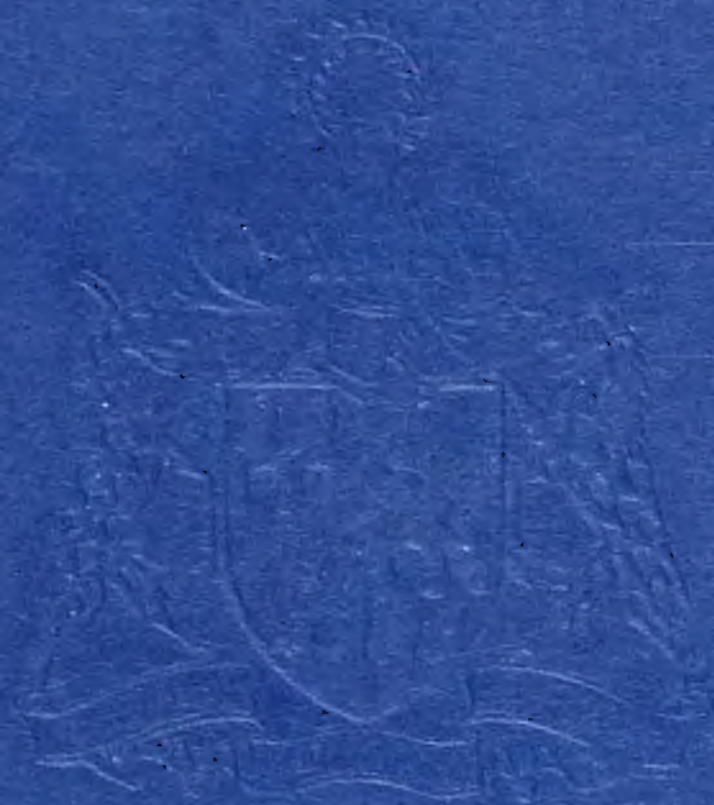




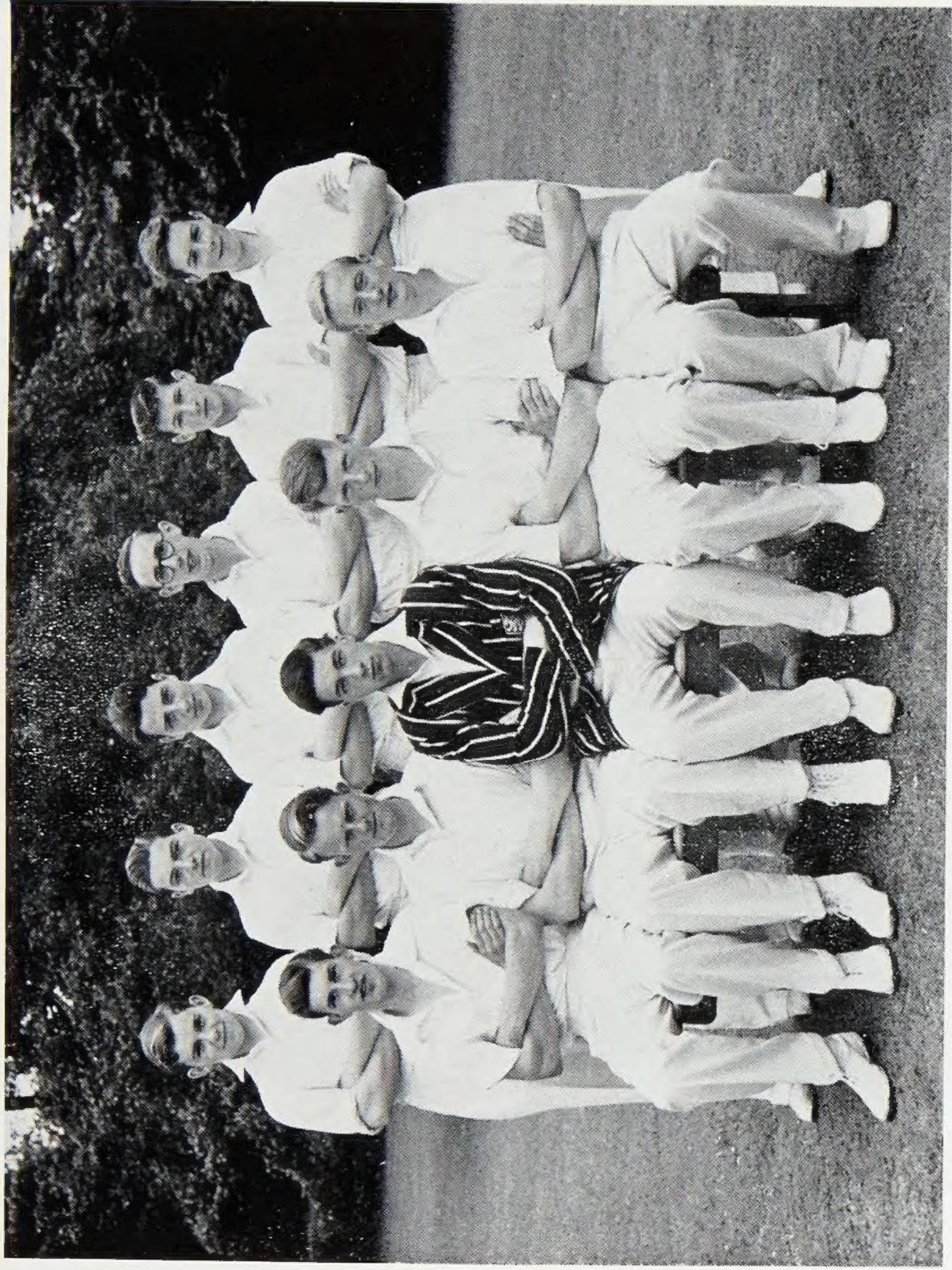
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Editorial

"THE SKYLARK" celebrates with this issue its fiftieth anniversary as a title for this magazine. As was pointed out a year ago, the magazine was first published and established as a School Magazine 51 years ago, but there had been earlier attempts when the School was at Hoxton. In 1883 the first effort appeared under the title of "THE ASKEAN"; but, for some unknown reason, this title was claimed as the exclusive property of the Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham Schools, then of quite recent foundation, and the Hatcham boys' School today does in fact call its own magazine "THE ASKEAN." In its second number, therefore, the magazine became "The Haberdashers' Hoxton School Magazine." The Sixth Form was responsible for its production with Sydney Phillips (1881-5) as its Editor. Twelve numbers only were issued, the last one appearing on December 10th, 1883. The first seven were each written on one large sheet of paper, divided into columns, and exhibited *weekly* in a glass case in the playground for general reading. The remaining five were written on four sheets of foolscap and duplicated to sell at $\frac{1}{2}$ d. a copy!

At the same time the Fifth Forms produced a rival magazine at first called "The Fifth Form Herald" and later "The School Times"! This was also exhibited in a glass case in the playground. Each magazine, in its earlier issues, tried to out-do the other in the violence of its attacks upon its rival, but this feature disappeared from The H.H.S.M. after its sixth number, so that, presumably, the Fifth Form's "School Times" then faded out.

Writing in "THE SKYLARK" fifty years ago the editor of the H.H.S.M. recalled that the most notable feature of his magazine had been a serial ghost story which began in No. 2 and ran through the whole issue. Its author was Mr. F. G. Russell, then a student master, who later became Fifth Form Master and founder of Russells House!

The magazine ended its short life when, apparently, the whole of the Sixth Form left School at Christmas, 1883. In a farewell note the Editor remarked that all our puerile efforts at journalism would sink into oblivion when compared with those of our successors. Twenty years later, in 1903, he thought his predictions had been abundantly fulfilled by "THE SKYLARK," and he said that he was sure all old boys would heartily welcome its appearance and wish it a long life. He little thought perhaps, that it would eventually celebrate its fiftieth anniversary and achieve its present size and high standard of production.

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School Librarian: M. F. NEALE

De Omnibus Rebus

Roberte Aske, our Founder, died 266 years ago, on January 27th 1688.

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Fifty years ago, in the Autumn Term, 1903, *The Skylark* was born.

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We welcome the following new members of Staff: *Autumn Term*, to the main School Mr. A. H. Brown, B.A. (Balliol College, Oxford), Mr. R. L. F. Sexton, B.A. (Balliol College, Oxford), from Worksop College, and Mr. D. C. Baber, B.A. (University College, London); also, on exchange from America for one year, Mr. T. I. Ricci (Jun.) of the High School, Hingham, Mass., U.S.A., who has already made himself very much at home among us; to the Preparatory School, Miss E. M. Jagoe, Froebel Training College. *Spring Term*: to the main School, Mr. N. de Q. Dodds, M.A. (1st class Hons., King's College, London), from Bishopshalt School, to teach Mathematics; to the Preparatory School, Miss P. A. Mostyn, Froebel Training College, from Exeter School.

Congratulations to the following: on gaining an *Open Scholarship* in Modern History at University College, Oxford, H. J. Cohn, and in English at Downing College, Cambridge, R. E. Jefford; on gaining *Open Exhibitions* at Cambridge, B. G. Binding in English at Downing College, A. Beck in History at Gonville and Caius College, and P. J. Beales in Modern Languages at Trinity College; on winning *State Scholarships*, M. A. Bennett, B. G. Binding, P. D. Jarman, R. E. Jefford, L. D. Supran; on receiving *Governors' Leaving Awards*, J. M. Bancroft, B. F. Hunter, P. D. Jarman, M. J. Keen, A. M. Newton, J. M. Newton, M. O. Newton, J. N. Pollock, J. W. Rotheroe, G. H. Silvey, K. F. Trott, and C. W. Turner.

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Winners of Governors' Leaving Awards were invited to the Vintners' Hall on December 21st by the Masters and Wardens of the Haberdashers' Company, to take tea and receive their Awards.

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Congratulations to the following on their appointments: W. D. M. Oeters as *School Captain*, H. E. Couch as *Vice Captain*, B. G. Binding, H. E. Couch, A. J. Pangalos, C. B. Perkins, L. D. Supran, J. T. Farrand, N. A. Fuller, R. E. Jefford, J. M. Kellett, and P. F. Spencer as *Prefects*; A. M. Barrow, E. R. Bastin, P. J. Beales, F. L. Gardner, W. A. G. Gross, A. Hall, R. B. Jones, J. H. Routley, M. Sarner, M. A. Bennett, N. J. Godman, R. Howell, F. J. Kent, R. M. Kipps, J. C. Lord, D. J. McLaren, C. J. Nash, M. F. Neale, and K. A. Thompson as Sub-Prefects.

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Congratulations to H. E. Couch on his appointment as *Captain*, and to A. J. Pangalos as *Vice-Captain*, of Rugby Football for 1953-1954.

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Congratulations to the following on the award of *Sixth Form Privileges*: D. A. Brown, B. Collombin, J. N. Goad, H. Haverfield, A. Kaulins, M. A. Lincoln, B. G. L. Mansbridge, E. O. H. McInnes, E. J. O'Brien, G. R. Powell, N. R. Read, N. J. Readman, H. M. L. Rosenstock, L. E. Scruton, B. K. Sen Gupta, A. Snowman, G. Battson, A. Beck, B. A. Boyers, C. Bryant, L. J. Clark, M. Cleveland, A. Curtis, J. B. Davies, C. A. Lang, J. T. Jones, A. C. Morris, M. A. Phillips, M. J. Pringle, P. E. Secker, and A. E. Shrimpton.

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A. Beck, VIa Modern, has been appointed an additional editor of *The Skylark*.

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A party of boys from the Fifth and Sixth Forms attended the Conference for the Student Christian Movement in Schools at Hendon County School on July 7th, 1953. Dr. Taylor was in the Chair.

A section of the School Choir sang Madrigals at the Coronation Dinner of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers' held in the Mansion House on Wednesday, July 15th.

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A party for boys leaving School at the end of the Summer Term was held in the School Hall on Friday, July 17th. The Old Boys Club acted as hosts.

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Parents of new boys coming to the Preparatory School in September were invited to meet the Headmaster, Mr. Lewin and Staff at Flower Lane on July 21st, and parents of new boys coming to the main School were invited to meet the Headmaster, Mr. Cooper and Staff at Westbere Road on July 22nd.

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The Lower School Sports were held at Chase Lodge on Saturday, July 25th.

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Later the same day, the Sixth Form held its usual Summer Term Dance in the School Hall.

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The new annual sporting fixtures in cricket and rowing with our brother School at Monmouth were arranged for Monday, July 27th. Unfortunately, heavy rain washed out the cricket and we lost the rowing. Monmouth School were thus the first to win the new trophy, a silver cup, presented by the Rev. Canon T. G. Edwards, Chaplain of the Haberdashers' Company and Vice-Chairman of the Governors of the School, for annual competition in rowing between the two Schools. The cup is of historical interest since it was won in 1825 by Thomas Groves, Master of the Company in 1859, in one of the last races sailed by the Royal Yacht Squadron on the Thames. Thomas Groves was the great-grandfather of Canon Edwards, and great great-grandfather of the Rev. A. W. G. Cope, a Warden of the Company.

Canon Edwards presented the cup to Monmouth School at a special luncheon held by the Court of Assistants of the Haberdashers' Company in the Vintners' Hall on October 13th. The Headmasters and Captains of both Schools were invited to be present.

Summer Term, 1953, ended on July 28th and at 8.30 a.m. that day the first Corporate Communion Service to be held in the School Hall was conducted by the School Chaplain, the Rev. Farrington. The Robert Aske Communion Plate, formerly used in the Chapel at the Old School in Hoxton, was kindly lent for the occasion by the Haberdashers' Company. Some sixty members of the School attended, and breakfast was afterwards served in the Dining Hall.

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Similar services in the School Hall have since been held on Wednesday, November 4th, and Friday, December 18th. Attendance has been well maintained.

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During the Summer holidays Mr. Cooper and Mr. Keevil conducted a School Party to Denmark for a two weeks stay in Elsinore, the home of Hamlet.

B. Collombin went surveying in British Columbia with the Public Schools' Exploration Society.

P. J. Beales and M. J. Pringle visited Yugoslavia under the aegis of the Educational Interchange Council.

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Before the Autumn Term began a system of internal telephones was installed in the School through the generosity of a parent, Mr. Fairweather, to whom the staff are most grateful.

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The Autumn Term began on September 23rd with a record number of boys on the roll: Upper School 467 (195 in Sixth Form), Lower School 276, Preparatory School, 140, Total: 883.

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At a Confirmation Service in the Church of St. Edmund the King, Northwood Hills, Middlesex, on July 22nd., N. Ridge and G. Shipley were confirmed by the Lord Bishop of London.

A Confirmation Service was conducted by the Lord Bishop of Willesden in the Church of St. Michael, Cricklewood, on Tuesday, October 14th. The following boys were confirmed: G. Bigg, A. Curtis, R. Donald, N. Geer, M. James, J. Landsell, R. Landsell, M. Layland, J. Munday, C. Muteau, M. Pankhurst, B. Pascoe, A. Readman, D. Wildman.

On October 21st the School defeated Adams' Grammar School (a Haberdasher foundation) from Newport, Shropshire, at Rugby Football. This was the first occasion on which we had had the pleasure of entertaining our brother School for a sporting events.

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The N.W. London Inter-Schools Discussion Group, under the auspices of the Council for Education in World Citizenship, was re-constituted at a meeting of School representatives, presided over by Mr. Campbell, held in the Dining Hall on October 22nd. M. A. Phillips, Via Modern, was elected acting joint secretary for 1953-54. Twelve of the main Schools in N.W. London are now affiliated to the Group and will organise a series of meetings on current affairs, each in turn acting as host.

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On October 30th the Headmaster and Mr. Campbell represented the School at a reception held by Sir Alfred Bossom, M.P., on behalf of the Franco-British Society, at his house in Carlton Gardens, S.W.1. H.E. The French Ambassador was present, and there were some 200 guests assembled in a magnificent marquee decorated with Persian carpets and gold plate, which Sir Alfred had had erected in his garden in preparation for an eve of the Opening of Parliament reception he was to give for the Government on the following Monday.

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On November 6th a party of Sixth Formers visited the Aske's Hatcham Girls' School for the usual termly Sixth Form Social held at one of the Haberdashers' London Schools.

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On November 19th representatives of the Haberdashers' Acton Girls' School Debating Society held a joint debate with our own Debating Society at Westbere Road.

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Members of the Sixth Form acted as Stewards at the C.E.W.C. Junior Activities Committee Conference on the U.S.A., held in St. Pancras Town Hall on November 18th and 19th. Mr. T. Ricci addressed the Conference on American School life and was a member of the Brains Trust on Nov. 18th.

The Headmaster and representatives of the School, including the Special Choir, were invited to be present at the Publication of the Master of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers held in the Vintners' Hall on St. Katherine's Day, 24th November. After witnessing the ceremony the gathering went in procession to St. James, Garlickhithe, where a special service was held. The choir was provided by boys from the Haberdashers' Schools at Hampstead, Hatcham, Monmouth and Newport (Salop.) under the direction of Dr. McLellan.

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A party of Fifth and Sixth Formers attended a talk on "Crime and Punishment" given by L. Paget Esq., M.P., at the North London Collegiate School on November 26th, under the auspices of the N.W. London Inter-Schools Discussion Group.

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The Heads of N.W. London Schools met at the School on November 27th by kind invitation of Dr. Taylor, to discuss arrangements for a Sixth Form Conference at North London Collegiate School on July 8th, next, under the aegis of the Student Christian Movement in Schools.

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On December 2nd members of the School Debating Society visited Copthall School at Mill Hill to take part in a joint debate.

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The whole School saw the film of the Conquest of Everest, at the Lido Cinema, Golders Green on Friday, December 4th.

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The 1st XV drew with the O.H. R.F.C. 'A' XV at Chase Lodge in the annual match on December 5th. The Captain of Rugger, H. E. Couch, and the Captain of the School, W. D. M. Oeters, were invited to the Annual O.H. R.F.C. Dinner in the evening at the Hendon Hall Hotel.

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On the same evening a large party of Fifth and Sixth Formers attended an Anglo-French Social, organised by the Franco-British Society on behalf of the Lycée Français, South Kensington. Mr. Campbell acted as M.C. Sincere thanks are due to the Proviseur of the Lycée, Monsieur Gaudin, for his very kind hospitality. Another Social will be held at the Lycée on February 13th. It is hoped the same boys will attend to develop the contacts already made.

The School Choir, under Dr. McLellan, had the honour and pleasure of singing in St. Paul's Cathedral at Matins and Holy Communion Services on Sunday, November 15th, and at Holy Communion on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th in place of the Cathedral Choir then touring the U.S.A. and Canada.

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F. L. Gardner, VIa Modern, had the honour of being selected by the B.B.C. to be one of the two principal representatives of London Schools in a transatlantic Youth Forum discussion on Anglo-American relations, on December 9th. A two-way closed circuit recording of the discussion in the studios in New York and London was made for broadcasting in the U.S.A. on December 12th. There will be recital of the recording before a selected audience in London on February 2nd.

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The Preparatory School held its Annual Carol Service in the Church of St. Michael, Mill Hill, on Friday, December 11th. Mr. Keevil was the guest soloist, and C.C. Bartlett, IVb, played the organ,

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The School Dramatic Society gave performances of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" in the School Hall on December 14th, 15th and 16th. The new proscenium and stage extension came into use for the first time. Mr. Moody and Mr. Nicholas were the producers. Several Schools sent parties to the first performance, including the Lycée Français which sent 12 French Students.

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The School's Annual Carol Service and Festival of Nine Lessons took place as usual in the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on the afternoon of Thursday, December 17th. The School Choir (over 150 strong) was conducted by Dr. McLellan, and the organist was Mr. G. Smith. The Bishop of Willesden gave the address and a collection was taken in aid of St. Martin's Christmas Fund.

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The Autumn Term closed on Friday, December 18th, but the annual Rugby match against Monmouth School took place at Chase Lodge on the morning of December 19th and resulted in a draw, no points being scored by either side. Thus the School 1st XV ended its season with the splendid record of only *one defeat*, and that by another hitherto unbeaten side, Emanuel School. They are to be congratulated on this fine record.

The School Christmas Dance took place on the evening of December 19th, and amongst the guests were members of the Monmouth School XV and a party of girls from Acton, accompanied by their Headmistress, Miss Harold. W.D.M. Oeters, Captain of the School, acted as M.C. and a very delightful evening was enjoyed by everyone.

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During the Christmas holidays Major Hewson conducted a party of boys on a ski-ing expedition to Switzerland; several members of the Sixth form attended the C.E.W.C. Conference on "Africa" at the Central Hall, Westminster, and others gave assistance in the Visual Aids section of the Geographical Association Conference at the London School of Economics, University of London.

Coming Events

On January 16th in the School Hall the Old Boys' Club will hold a dance for younger Old Boys, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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Members of the Biology Sixth, under Mr. Savory, have been invited to tour the Dental Department of Guys Hospital on January 26th.

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A meeting of the N.W. London Inter-Schools Discussion Group will take place at School on Thursday, January 28th. Tea at 5.0 p.m. will be followed by the new UNESCO film "World Without End" and the evening will close with a social.

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The Music Club of the Acton Girls' School will hold a joint meeting with the School Music Society, on February 8th, commencing at 5.0 p.m.

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On February 27th the Monmouth School Boxing match will take place in the gymnasium.

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On March 1st, the Christian Union of the Acton Girls' School will hold a joint meeting with the School Christian Union. The Rev. John S. C. Miller, General Secretary of the Student Christian Movement in Schools, will speak.

The School Entrance Examination (for boys 10 to 12 years of age on 1st September, 1954,) will take place on Friday, March 12th commencing at 9.0 a.m.

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The School Operatic Society will present the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera "The Mikado" on March 23rd, 24th and 25th.

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The Upper School Athletic Sports will take place (weather permitting) at Chase Lodge on Saturday, March 27th commencing at 2.15 p.m.

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The Annual Cricket Match v the M.C.C. will take place at Chase Lodge on June 9th.

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The Annual Swimming Gala will be held in the *Seymour Street* Baths on Friday, June 18th, beginning at 2.30 p.m.

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The General Certificate of Education of the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board at Advanced and Scholarship Levels will take place between 21st June and July 3rd. Ordinary Level examinations begin on July 8th and end on July 24th.

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The Annual Cricket and Tennis Matches against the Old Boys will take place at Chase Lodge on July 10th, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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The School leavers will be entertained by the Old Boys' Club on July 16th.

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Commendation Day will this year take place on July 23rd. Dr. Eric James, High Master of Manchester Grammar School and Chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, will present the prizes.

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The Lower School Sports will be held at Chase Lodge on July 24th, beginning at 2.0 p.m.

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The Annual Cricket and Rowing Matches against Monmouth School will be held at Monmouth on July 26th.

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The Public Schools Tennis Week at Wimbledon will commence on July 26th. There will again be an under 16 tournament in addition to the Youll Cup.

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Spring Term, begins on Wednesday, January 13th., and ends on Wednesday, March 31st., half-term will be on February, 22nd.

Summer Term begins on Wednesday, April 28th., and ends on Tuesday, July 27th, half-term will be on June 7th.

Autumn Term begins on Wednesday, September 22nd., and ends Friday, December 17th., half-term will be on November 1st.

Commendation Day

Commendation Day was celebrated at the School on Wednesday, July 8th. As last year we were again favoured with good weather and there were no raindrops to disturb the usual out-of-doors arrangements. Punctually at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Master of the Haberdashers' Company, Colonel Bamford-Smith arrived, accompanied by the Wardens and Clerk of the Company, and proceeded to inspect the Guard of Honour of the C.C.F. smartly drawn up at the main entrance of the School under the command of Flight Lieutenant K. M. Beynon of the R.A.F. section. Col. Bamford-Smith congratulated the boys on their smart turn-out and military bearing and described the Guard of Honour as a first-class show. He went on to pay a tribute to the Headmaster and the School as a whole, and emphasised the importance of a sense of responsibility and discipline as a basis of a decent life. Life, he said, must be based on a disciplined character, for money and fame alone do not bring happiness unless one has also learned discipline. He appealed to boys to live their lives so that they could look anyone in the face, feeling that they had done all they could to honour and protect their families and their country, and had done their best to carry out the injunction of their young Queen on her Coronation Day in upholding liberty and justice. In conclusion Col. Bamford-Smith said England must emerge again as the leader of the World in setting standards of justice and moral decency. It was up to the boys of this great School to strive towards these ends.

After this introductory speech the main business of the afternoon began with prayers led by the School Chaplain. The Chairman of the Governors, Col. P. C. Bull, D.S.O. then called upon the Headmaster, Dr. T. W. Taylor, to give his report on the School's work and activities for the year 1951-52. The Headmaster began by offering a warm welcome to all the guests of the School and expressed the hope that the weather would again prove kind so that the afternoon's programme could be carried through successfully. He then stated that his report would be very brief, as most of his audience would be already familiar with the details of the School's day to day activities through the reports published in the School magazine, "The Skylark". He proposed, therefore, to comment only on one or two outstanding features. Dr. Taylor first emphasised that the prime purpose of a School is *to teach*, although it may provide a wide variety of games and other activities to interest its pupils; hence it was pleasing to note that examination results in 1952 were very good. Three Open Scholarships and Ten State Scholarships had been gained, so that we were among the other great London Schools in reaching double figures for Scholarships, and staff and boys concerned must be congratulated on these results. Dr. Taylor then went on to comment on the great events

of 1953, beginning with the commemoration on January 13th of the 50th Anniversary of the removal of the School to its present buildings. He brought to the notice of the parents that an Old Haberdasher of fifty years ago, Mr. Arnold Freeman, of the famous family of Freemans, was present with them that afternoon and would speak in support of a vote of thanks at the end of the proceedings.

The Headmaster then referred to the variety of celebrations held in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Coronation in June. The Chairman of the Governors had very kindly presented a special Coronation book to everyone at the School and Dr. Taylor expressed his gratitude for this souvenir of a very memorable occasion; on Coronation Day a party of boys had kindly been invited by the L.C.C. to see the Royal Procession pass along the Victoria Embankment; the whole School, thanks to the kindness of the Mayor and Mayoress of Hampstead, had been to see a performance of "Hamlet", had also enjoyed the Coronation film "A Queen is Crowned", and had been given a place of vantage on the route of the Queen's tour through N.W. London, and every boy had received a gift of a box of chocolates. The third great event of the year, to which Dr. Taylor referred, was the opening of the new Preparatory School Buildings in Flower Lane, Mill Hill, just three hours earlier that day, at noon. He thanked the Governors for providing a Preparatory School education for boys who might come to the main School later on, so offering facilities for continuous education from 7 to 19 years of age, and avoiding the necessity of "pulling young plants out of the ground" too often. Other points to which Dr. Taylor referred included, first, the establishment of the Harold Charteris Black memorial prize to be awarded to two boys, one over 15, the other under 15 years of age, for excelling in sport of all kinds—the first awards would be presented next year; secondly, the R. J. Spiers Trophy for handwriting, which would, he hoped, encourage boys to improve their handwriting. Finally, Dr. Taylor, expressed his thanks to the Chairman and Governors, to the staff and parents, to the prefects and Old Boys, for all the support and help they had given during the year. The success of a school, he concluded, depends on the full co-operation of all concerned.

The Chairman of the Governors, in thanking the Headmaster for his report, remarked on the importance of good handwriting, but, in reference to his own, stated that it would never win a prize and he had to depend on a typewriter! He went on to congratulate Dr. Taylor on the School's very fine record for the year, and said that the Governors were very proud of the School and were not afraid to boast about it. He wished it every good fortune in the coming year. Col. Bull then referred to all

the distinguished visitors present, who included the Master of the Haberdashers' Company, the Mayor of Hampstead, and, in particular, the Dean of Wadham College, Oxford, a distinguished Old Boy, Mr. J. B. Bamborough, M.A., whom he called upon to present the prizes and deliver a short address.

The prize distribution was carried out smoothly and expeditiously as ever, and, as the last of the glittering trophies departed in the hands of its proud recipient, Mr. Bamborough began his speech. He said he had had been uneasy at first, as it was the first time in his life he had had to give away prizes. It was usually a hazard older men were asked to face. He had therefore sought advice from senior colleagues at Oxford, and they had told him to congratulate the winners, but to say that the best people never won prizes and that, of course, he had never won one. Unfortunately, he *did* win a prize at School and he believed that it was not true that prize winners never did well in after life—as a matter of fact, they usually did. He therefore congratulated the prize winners and their choice of books. Mr. Bamborough then told a story about a German General who had classified his officers into four groups: clever and industrious, clever and lazy, stupid and industrious, stupid and lazy, and had thought the third group the most dangerous, and the clever and lazy best fitted for the highest commands! The speaker considered that prize winners came in the first class and the rest of the School in the second. He went on to say that the old adage, that one's schooldays are the happiest days of one's life, is not always true, although his own schooldays had been the *most interesting* of his own life. Learning, he continued, must be regarded as a process and every encouragement should be given to further this process. 'Education is what you remember when you have forgotten everything you have been taught,' was Mr. Bamborough's definition of education, and he said that he would like every boy to leave School knowing that there is such a thing as *knowledge*. It was most important, he thought, to acquire a *habit of learning* and also to *be interested in something*. If one is not interested in anything, one might as well be dead—in fact, one is dead, he asserted. One should be interested in *learning*. Mr. Bamborough then felt he must say something about masters. He himself confessed to being a teacher, a very tiring job! Every navvy, he said, can show at least a hole after a day's work, but teachers have little to show! Boys owed much to their teachers, who did a great job in taking so much trouble with their pupils. Mr. Bamborough appealed to the boys of the School to carry on learning even in the Forces—they should not let themselves be discouraged; he also wished good luck to those going up to Universities. In conclusion, he asked for a half-holiday for the School and thanked the Headmaster for asking him to present the prizes and make a speech, and the boys for listening.

The Chairman, amidst cheers, asked the Headmaster to allow a whole holiday in honour of the occasion in answer to Mr. Bam-borough's request for a half! He then called upon Mr. Arnold Freeman, who was Captain of the School from 1903-1904, to propose a vote of thanks and say something about the School of fifty years ago. Mr Freeman, however, said that he could not dare to say what the School was like in his day, *as things were so much better then!* He did, however, refer to an essay he wrote on the subject of King Edward VII's Coronation in which he suggested certain statues be erected in the School quadrangle—unfortunately, he said, the suggestion had never been carried out. He then developed the main theme of his address—the poet in all of us. First, he paid tribute to H. G. Wells, who had been a great writer during Mr. Freeman's schooldays and whose works he had closely studied. He recounted the story of one of these, "The Door in the Wall," which, he said, was based on the theme "*A poet dies young in the breast of every human being*". Mr. Freeman produced from his pocket The Oxford Book of Verse, his favourite book, which he had won as a prize at School fifty years ago. He regretted, he said, that he had not kept the poet alive in himself, but he hoped the boys of the School would do so. He appealed to them to study St. Francis of Assisi and read H. G. Well's story if they had not already done so, and not let the *poet* die in themselves. Mr. Freeman then expressed his pleasure at returning to his old School, to which he said he owed all the good in himself, and asked for a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bamborough and all concerned in the afternoon's proceedings.

D. J. Maconachie, Captain of the School, in seconding this vote of thanks, said he hoped that he would follow throughout his life all the sagacious words of advice that had been offered that afternoon. He called for three rousing cheers from the School in support of the motion.

The Chairman, expressed his thanks to Maconachie, and the proceedings closed with "God Save the Queen."

Afterwards visitors, parents and friends dispersed, in company with members of the staff and School, to enjoy the excellent tea arrangements, made by Miss Savill and her staff, and afterwards tour the exhibition of School work and activities, which achieved its usual standard of excellence and interest. In addition to displays of work in the departments of Religious Instruction, English, Geography, Mathematics, Crafts, and Biology, there were displays of scientific apparatus and of pamphlets on careers, whilst in the Swimming Bath a match between Second Form teams took place followed by an exhibition of Life Saving drill, and on the Tennis Courts were staged a Senior Exhibition Doubles Match and the final of the Junior Doubles Championships. The C.C.F. Band gave a short recital on the Parade Ground, and other activities

included a recital of Modern Language Recordings, a recital of Madrigals, and some dramatic sketches in French and Spanish.

It was difficult to see and hear everything in this varied programme, but no-one went away without being greatly impressed by the enthusiasm and standard of achievement of those taking part. There was much to commend on this Commendation Day of 1953.

G.S.C.

PRIZE LIST, 1951-1952

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Form Prizes : Baker, D., Beckman, B. C., Dunn, R. F., Kaye, C. A.,
Vaughan, M. G.
Reading Prizes : Hughes, R. E., Wadleigh, S.
School Captain : Underwood, B. R.

LOWER SCHOOL

Art : Kustow, M. D.
Classics : Brittan, L., Lewis, P. D.
English : Healey, N., Lyden, C. J., Dombey, N. D., Lewis, P. D.
Geography : Adams, R. J., Brittan, L., Gaunt, B. M., White, M. S.
Handicrafts : Griffiths, R. E., Cann, R. B., Dorman, A. P., Tarlow, M. J., Pearce, D. R., Ridge, C.
History : Brittan, L., Lincoln, B. R.
Mathematics : Dallison, I. K., Brittan, L., Hodgkinson, B. J., Lewis, P. D.
Modern Languages : Willment, G. J. A., Gaunt, B. M., Smith, D. J.
Music : Barber, B. M., Gilby, D. P., Keen, I. D.
Science : Ritchie, A. D., Brittan, L., Tarlow, M. J., Lewis, P. D.
School Captain : White, M. S.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Art : Jefferies, P. O.
Classics : Fox, J. D., Cohn, H. J.
English : Deaner, J. M., Hoare, J. M., Oppenheimer, P. M.,
Lipton, M., Beck, A., Leverton, D. J.
Geography : Hoare, J. M., Davies, J. B., James, M. L., Howell, R.
Handicrafts : Fisk, R. K., Shorn, D. B., Davies, J. B., Lyle, R. B.,
Wilkinson, A. E. F.
History : Hoare, J. M., Lipton, M., Wheal, G. T., Cohn, H. J.
Mathematics : Fisk, R. K., Mushin, A. S., Parker, N. A., Stark, B. A.,
Curtis, D. W., Cohn, H. J.
Modern Languages : Mercer, J. S., Mushin, A. S., Pearson, A. P., Reeve, A. J.,
Ward, D. J. L., Hughes, J. G., Oeters, W. D. M.,
Powell, G. R.
Music : Clifford, H. J., Harling, D. A., Routley, J. H.
Science : Mushin, A. S., Davies, J. B., Long, M. J., Secker, P. E.,
Smith, G. F. W., Ullman, R. M.

UPPER SCHOOL

Art : Brown, B. G.
Economics : Field, T. H., Rotheroe, J. W.
English : Binding, B. G., Jefford, R. E., Jones, D. A., Newton, J. M.
Handicrafts : Turner, C. W.
History : Newton, J. M.
Mathematics : Read, F. H., Trott, K. F.
Lord Memorial : Green, R. A.
Modern Languages :
Abson Memorial : Bennett, B. W. R.
Music : Jefford, R., E. Perkins, C. B.
Science : Bleehen, S. S., Simons, J. P., Sims, A. F. E., Trott, K. F.
Stokes Memorial : Read, F. H.

SPECIAL PRIZES

<i>McPhaile :</i>	Lumsden, M. S. (House Prize)
<i>Kemp Memorial :</i>	Lumsden, M. S. (Vice-Captain)
<i>Hinton Memorial :</i>	Morrison, G. B. (School Captain)

SCHOLARSHIPS, 1952

Green, R. A. ...	...	Mathematics Scholarship, Queen's College, Oxford.
Read, F. H. ...	...	Royal Scholarship, Imperial College of Science. State Scholarship
Newton, J. M.	...	English Exhibition, Downing College, Cambridge. State Scholarship
Bennett, B. W. R.	...	State Scholarship, London School of Economics
Bleehen, S. S.	...	State Scholarship, Trinity College, Cambridge
Goldstein, A. S.	...	State Scholarship, Edinburgh University
Jones, D. A.	...	State Scholarship, University of Wales
Keen, M. J. ...	...	State Scholarship, University College, Oxford
Simons, J. P. ...	...	State Scholarship, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge
Sims, A. F. E.	...	State Scholarship, Imperial College of Science
Spatcher, D. N.	...	State Scholarship, University College, London

GOVERNORS LEAVING AWARDS, 1952

Bennett, B. W. R.	Harris, D. J.	Simons, J. P.
Bleehen, S. S.	Jones, D. A.	Sims, A. F. E.
Cullingford, D.	Lumsden, M. S.	Smith, J. U. M.
Downing, D. A.	Maddison, P.	Spatcher, D. M.
Field, T. H. E.	Morrison, G. B.	Ward, G. A.
Goldstein, A. S.	Read, F. H.	Yeates, J. A. R.
Green, R. A.	Sandifer, B. N.	

HOUSE TROPHIES, 1952

LOWER SCHOOL

Athletics	...	...	...	...	...	Russells
Boxing	...	...	...	...	...	Joblings and Meadows
Chess	...	...	...	...	...	Calverts
Work and Conduct	...	...	...	...	...	Strouts

UPPER SCHOOL

Athletics (Hinton Shield)	...	...	...	...	Joblings
Boxing (Harper Shield)	...	...	...	...	Calverts
Chess (Batty Cup)	...	...	...	...	Hendersons
Cricket (Freeman Shield)	...	...	...	...	Joblings
Cross Country (Littlefield Cup)	...	...	...	...	Strouts
Games (Crossman Shield)	...	...	...	...	Joblings
Rowing	...	...	...	...	Russells
Rugby Football (Hayles Shield)	...	...	...	...	Joblings
Swimming (Gregory Shield)	...	...	...	...	Calverts
Swimming (Thomas Arno Replica)	...	...	...	...	Elliott, C. P.
Work and Conduct Shield	...	...	...	...	Joblings

UPPER AND LOWER SCHOOL

Work and Sports (Dunton Shield)	...	...	Joblings
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The Schooldays of Our First Editor

A. J. Freeman (1892-1904), who was present at School Commendation Day on July 8th. last but declined to speak about his own schooldays of fifty years ago because he thought they were so much better than those of today, did in fact write about them in "The Skylark", of which he was the first joint editor, in No. IV published in 1904, under the title of "Notes on our Old School, by its last Captain". A. J. Freeman was the last Captain of the old School from Hoxton and the first of the School at Westbere Road, where he led highly successful teams in both cricket and 'soccer', the 1st. XI football team in 1903-1904 being the first winners of the League Shield in the newly created North London Secondary Schools Football League. He was also the leading scholar in the School, being awarded a gold medal and the Senior English prize when he left in 1904.

In his published article half a century ago, Freeman gives some account of the early history of the School, then writes as follows about his schooldays at Hoxton: "We were very happy at Hoxton; it was our Elysium, but it was uncommonly sooty, and the inhabitants mostly poor, the great majority, hardworking, honest and orderly, but with a conspicuous small minority of Undesirables. Boys came daily to the School from all the four quarters of the globe—I beg pardon, of London and its distant suburbs, in spite of some personal inconvenience, when enterprising gamins from neighbouring alleys organised street attacks upon us for which we were most unrighteously forbidden to retaliate. We played Football and Tennis on a large asphalt ground, with marbles and peg tops in the corners, but suffered certain losses whenever an unlucky ball went out of bounds. We tried Cricket twice but stopped it twice—first when the ball traversed a draper's shop over the road and hid itself in the back parlour, and lastly when it made its way without hesitation through a ten-pound sheet of plate glass. Boys who were fond of practical science used occasionally to transgress by buying ice-cream and burnt chestnuts through the iron railings from gentle Italians outside.

"We tried a Cricket Field once at Walthamstow, and had to find twenty pounds for it, but could not get twenty boys to travel to it. Games did not reach a high standard of excellence in the modern sense but we enjoyed ourselves, and did great things at our Annual Sports, held at Tufnell Park

"The second epoch of our School's life was from 1875 to 1898, when 3,470 boys learned to "Serve and Obey". The next was, perhaps, our chrysalis stage, from September, '98 to Christmas, 1902. 96 Hoxtonians came to Cricklewood to keep up the old life; most of them were season ticket-holders on the Midland Railway, which thoughtfully provided for many of them, trains every hour and a half, with a forty minutes wait at Kentish Town. The stimulating

air of Cricklewood, with its *rural* delights of walnut trees, farmyards and potato-patches, somewhat excited the travellers, who not only helped to swell the dividends of the Company, but, alas! at times the fame of the School, too. That is all changed, and Haberdashers are now known everywhere as the Good Boys! In the third month of the first year of the twentieth (!) century, we had an extra special half-holiday to commemorate the erection of a tin hut on the Westbere Road Estate. The hut was named "Foreman's Office," and was of portentous interest. The month of January, 1903, witnessed our migration into our new Palace and the commencement of the third stage of our existence. May it be a lasting one, and be always growing on and on towards perfection! We have now twenty Governors, twenty instructors and providers, and twenty times twenty scholars.

Our early struggles in the field brought us many defeats; our first Football Season was a brilliant failure, and in our next victories came quite as a surprise. In Cricket we won and we lost; practice was wanted to make perfect. The Autumn of 1903 witnessed the foundation of the North London Schools Football League. How many Haberdashers will treasure up in future years the memory of that glorious date! Cricket following on caught the inspiration, and the swimming season shared it too. The Team Race open to some thirty London Public Schools was a glorious victory, and the splendid Shield in our Hall, alongside the Football Shield, are worth a journey to behold. How the four heroes—B. Freeman, F. Freeman, Dashfield, and N. Wall will prize the beautiful Silver Medals given to them as mementoes by the City of London Swimming and Life Saving Association! School studies too are showing their good fruits. We are so used to the Cambridge Locals that we need not talk about them here, we have enjoyed them regularly for 27 years, and now it is nice to find so many boys passing the University of London Matriculation.

Many new developments are in progress, but as they are still young, it is safer to defer prophecy, However, *those who try nothing fail in nothing, and unless we fail in something, we may become over proud,* and therefore let us "Forward." *If we are full of activities now, both Scholastic and Athletic, we are training for success in the battles of our after-life.*

The present staff of Masters could perhaps hardly be excelled for efficiency or loyalty in co-operating to lead the School on in triumphal march; and we heartily congratulate our Head Master who has so successfully piloted the vessel through the troubled waters of its middle passage from its *Mrae Infernum* to a Pacific Ocean.

The boys are, as they always are, real boys, enthusiastic, enterprising, hardworking (at something or other), and all glad to do honour to their School and spread happiness at home.

Such is our School—fine Buildings, finer Masters, finest boys, and extra superlative Governors. *It remains with the boys whether our honour and our honours are to be permanent.* If they continue to be the sort of boys whom I knew, I can foretell the answer.”

A. J. F. (and Co.)

Editors' Note: The italics in the above extract are ours. We feel that Mr. Freeman threw down a challenge on Commendation Day when he declared his own schooldays were so much better than those of today. His printed words of fifty years ago give some justification for his remarks—he obviously thought very highly of his School, his schoolfellows, his Masters and all connected with the School. What do present members of the School think? Have Mr. Freeman's expectations, as expressed in his last sentence, been realised? Is the School as good as, or better than, it was fifty years ago, in Mr. Freeman's day? We shall be pleased to publish the best considered comments on the subject in our next issue. Mr. Freeman's own words, when joint editor of the first “Skylark,” ‘contributions and letters will be received with pleasure and should be addressed to the “Editors, Haberdashers' Aske's School”’. All communications should be written on one side of the paper only.’

Inter-House Competitions, 1953-54

THE DUNTON SHIELD.

Positions at end of Autumn Term.

1. HENDERSONS
2. JOBLINGS
3. STROUTS

4. RUSSELLS
5. { CALVERTS
MEADOWS

Examination Results, 1953

At Advanced Level.

Attenborough (*Ma.P.*); Bancroft, J. (*F.G.gp.*); Barrow (*ma.P.*); Bastin (*E.Gy.Ec.gp.*); Beales (*F*.Sp.*); Bennett (*Ma.P.C*.*) *State Scholarship*. Binding (*L.F.E*.gp.*) *State Scholarship*; Brendon (*Ma.P.*); Crossick (*F.E.H.gp.*); Farrand, J. A. (*E.H.gp.*); Fine (*Ma.P.C.gp.*); Gardner (*E.Gy.Ec*.gp.*); Hall (*M*.gp.*); Herzog (*p.c.*); Jarman (*Ma.P*.C*.gp.*); *State Scholarship*; Jefford (*F.E*.H*.gp.*); *State Scholarship*; Jones (*P.C.*) Maconachie (*F.G.Gy.*); Nash, M. J. (*gp.*); Newton, A. M. (*F.Gy.gp.*); Newton M. O. (*E.H.Gy.gp.*); Pangalos (*ma.P.*); Perkins (*P.C.z.*); Pollock (*C.Z.B.gp.*); Ridge (*Ma.p.C.gp.*); Robbins (*z.gp.*); Rogers (*z.gp.*); Rosenstock (*L.F.H.gp.*); Rotheroe (*E.H.Ec.gp.*); Silvey (*C.Z.gp.*); Skrimshire (*c.z.*); Skwara (*Ma.P.C.*); Spencer (*P.Z.z.*); Supran (*Ma.P.C*.gp.*) *State Scholarship*; Trott (*M*.P.*); Turner (*Gy.Ma.P.*); Verbov (*p.C.z.b.gp.*)

* Distinction.

At Ordinary Level.

Arnold (*e.el.h.gy.m.*); Ashford (*el.h.m.*); Attenborough (*a.*); Aust (*e.el.m.p.c.bi.*); Bacon (*m.*); Bailey (*e.el.h.*); Bancroft (*e.m.c.*); Barker (*e.el.h.gy.m.*); Barnfather (*e.el.f.m.p.c.bi.*); Bartlett, D. E. (*c.bi.*); Bate (*e.el.h.bi.*); Battson (*el.bc.*); Beach (*hc.*); Beck (*bc.*); Beddison (*e.el.h.gy.m.bi.*); Beddow (*e.el.g.m.p.c.bi.*); Berkeley (*h.*); Berwick (*el.*); Birn (*e.el.h.f.*); Bishop (*m.a.*); Bowen (*e.el.h.gy.m.*); Boyers (*l.*); Bragg (*e.el.m.p.c.bi.*); Breedon (*f.*); Brett (*e.el.m.am.c.bi.*); Brice (*a.*); Brown, M. E. (*e.el.m.p.c.bi.*); Brown, R. W. (*m.*); Bryant, A. J. (*bc.p.*); Butlin (*e.gy.m.*); Bysher (*sc.*); Catford (*h.m.*); Cedar (*e.el.h.gy.m.a.*); Chapman (*e.el.h.m.a.*); Church (*e.el.f.sp.m.p.c.*); Claff (*e.f.*); Clark (*e.el.h.f.sp.m.*); Clay (*sc.*); Cleveland (*e.el.l.f.m.p.c.*); Clifford (*el.h.m.*); Coe (*e.*); Cole (*el.h.*); Cooper (*e.h.bi.*); Cox (*e.el.m.*); Cummins (*e.*); Curtis (*e.el.h.l.f.sp.m.am.*); Darke (*e.el.*); Davies, B. S. (*e.el.h.fy.g.m.*); Davies, J. B. (*e.el.m.am.p.c.bi.*); Davison (*g.bi.*); Deaner (*e.el.h.l.f.m.sc.*); Dichlian (*e.el.m.p.c.bi.*); Dodson (*e.el.gy.m.*); Easterbrook (*e.h.gy.m.bi.*); Edelman (*e.el.h.f.m.*); Fagan (*e.m.c.bi.*); Fawcett (*e.f.m.p.c.bi.*); Fielder (*sc.*); Fisk (*e.el.h.m.hc.*); Flatto (*e.gy.f.m.am.*); Fox (*e.el.h.l.sp.m.sc.*); Fraiman (*e.el.h.l.f.m.*); Gardner (*e.el.f.m.bi.*); Gaunt (*e.el.sp.m.am.p.c.bi.*); Geer (*h.*); Genis (*sc.*); Goad (*am.*); Goldthorpe (*el.h.m.sc.hc.*); Groom (*e.el.h.*); Haley (*e.el.*); Hampshire (*el.h.m.*); Handscombe (*e.el.m.am.p.c.bi.*); Hanson (*e.h.gy.*); Heissig (*e.el.gy.l.f.m.*); Heppner (*e.el.h.gy.g.m.*); Herbert (*h.*); Hersey (*h.*); Hingley (*e.m.p.c.bi.*); Hoare (*e.el.h.l.sp.m.*); Holland (*e.el.h.gy.g.m.*); Horrocks (*el.*); Hughes (*e.m.*); Humby (*e.el.gy.hc.*); Humphrey (*e.el.m.p.c.bi.*); Hunter, I. S. F. (*el.h.m.*); Irving (*e.el.h.*); Irwin (*e.el.gy.m.p.bi.*); Ive (*e.el.h.gy.m.*); James (*e.el.sp.m.p.c.bi.*); Jarritt (*el.h.gy.*); Jefferies (*e.el.h.gy.a.*); Kedgley (*e.f.c.bi.*); Lang, C. A. (*e.f.hc.*); Leff (*e.el.h.l.sp.m.*); Leigh, W. S. (*e.el.h.gy.*); Leverton (*l.*); Lewis, M. J. (*bc.*); Lewis, P. D. (*e.el.l.f.m.*); Lidyard (*e.m.sc.*); Lincoln (*f.*); Lipton (*e.el.h.l.f.g.m.am.*); Long (*e.el.g.m.p.c.bi.*); Lyle (*e.el.g.m.p.c.bi.*); McInnes (*e.el.h.l.f.m.*); McLaren (*el.*); Mann (*e.el.m.p.c.*); Mannings (*m.*); Marks (*e.el.f.m.*); Matear (*e.el.h.m.*); Mathias (*e.el.h.l.sp.m.sc.*); Mathews (*e.f.m.p.c.*); Maylett (*e.a.*); Mercer (*e.el.h.l.f.m.*); Michael (*e.f.m.p.c.*); Michaels (*e.el.f.*); Miller, M. (*bc.*); Millman (*e.gy.bi.*); Molineaux M. (*bi.*); Morris, A. E. (*e.el.f.m.am.p.c.bi.*); Morris, J. R. (*e.el.h.l.f.m.*); Morton (*e.el.h.gy.*); Multon (*h.*); Munday (*e.el.a.*); Mushin (*e.el.h.l.sp.m.*); Musk (*hc.*); Nash, B. W. (*e.el.m.p.c.bi.*); Nash, C. J. (*p.*); Neal, E. T. (*e.el.m.c.bi.*); Oppenheimer (*e.el.h.l.g.sp.m.sc.*); Ovens (*e.sp.m.p.*); Packman (*e.el.m.p.c.*); Pankhurst (*e.el.h.gy.m.am.*); Pannell (*e.gy.bi.*); Parker, N. A. (*e.h.m.*); Pearson (*e.h.g.*); Pettit (*e.bi.*); Powell (*e.el.gy.f.m.a.*); Price (*m.*); Pringle (*h.*); Reeve (*e.el.h.f.g.m.am.*); Reilly (*e.h.m.*); Riccalton (*m.*); Richardson (*e.el.h.gy.f.a.*); Ridge, J. (*e.f.sp.m.p.c.*); Robert, E. A. (*e.el.m.*); Rose, M. P. (*e.el.h.bi.*); Rose, S. P. R. (*e.el.h.l.sp.m.bi.*); Ross (*e.el.h.f.*); Rowlinson (*gy.bi.*); Russell (*e.h.*); Rutter (*e.el.h.*); Ryan (*e.el.gy.g.m.p.c.*); Salc (*gy.a.*); Scruton (*bc.*); Shankland (*e.*); Shipley (*e.el.m.p.bi.*); Shorn (*e.el.gy.m.*); Slade (*el.h.*); Smith, B. S. (*gy.bi.*); Speke (*m.*); Stacey, C. N. (*m.*); Stacey, W. A. (*e.el.h.gy.l.f.m.*); Stark, B. A. (*e.el.h.m.*); Stern, C. V. (*hc.*); Summers (*e.m.p.c.bi.*); Sykes (*m.*); Szmidla (*e.el.m.*); Tappin (*e.el.*); Thompson, K. (*bc.*); Vacher (*e.el.f.sp.a.*); Vane (*e.el.f.m.p.c.bi.*); Waldman (*m.*); Walker, J. G. (*e.*); Walker, M. V. (*m.*); Walshe (*e.*); Ward (*e.el.gy.l.f.sp.m.*); Weitzman (*e.el.h.*); Wells (*e.el.h.gy.f.m.am.*); West (*e.el.m.*); Weston (*e.el.h.sp.m.*); Wheal (*e.el.h.gy.f.sp.m.am.*); White, A. B. (*e.el.h.gy.m.bi.a.*); White, W. I. (*p.*); Willcocks (*e.m.*); Wood, B. R. (*e.gy.*); Wright, B. E. G. (*e.el.bi.*); Yeadon (*e.el.h.m.*); Trott (*bc.*).

Key:—A-Art. AM-Additional Maths. B-Botany. Bi-Biology. BC-British Constitution. C-Chemistry. E-English. El-English Literature. Ec-Economics. EH-Economic History. F-French. G-German. Gp-General Paper. Gr-Greek. Gy-Geography. H-History. Hc-Handicraft. L-Latin. M-Maths. Ma. Maths Applied. Mus-Music. P-Physics. sc-General Science. Sp-Spanish. Z-Zoology.

Pass at Advanced level shown by capital letters.

Pass at Ordinary level shown by small letters.

Lower School Notes

Our last "Notes" brought us to the Coronation festivities and the visit to the Review fleet at Portsmouth. Normal School routine was somewhat of an anti-climax after the special celebrations; but the varied activities of Summer Term soon claimed their devotees, and many widely-differing tastes were satisfied. The Junior XI again owed much to Mr. Thomas's indefatigable care, and to J. R. Bustard, its captain. D. B. Mercer as a bowler; and Bustard, J. A. Churchland, and N. Healey as batsmen, showed good promise for the future. In the heats for the swimming gala numerous Lower School boys gave good accounts of themselves, and several did well in the finals at the Marshall Street Baths.

The Commendation Day exhibition included skilful and careful work by L. S. boys in a wide range of activities; while J. M. Henry is to be congratulated on being the first of our members to receive one of the special prizes for handwriting given by R. J. Spiers (O.H.)—himself the writer of an admirable hand. We hope that this competition will stimulate a wide interest in the neglected art of handwriting, and that many more boys will enter next year. As is happily usual, we were favoured with a fine day for the Athletic Sports at Chase Lodge, where a large assembly of parents and boys saw Russells win the shield by a margin of one point over Meadows (103-102). The Junior Champion was B. M. Shaw of Russells, while Meadows had the runner-up, M. R. Hunt. The L. S. Work and Conduct shield was won by Russells, with Meadows second, and Strouts third. During the summer holiday twenty-two of our number were members of the party which visited Denmark and South Sweden.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term four forms were promoted to the Upper School, and in their place we welcomed 121 new boys, including 27 from the Preparatory School. M. C. Fairley of 3a, the senior form, was appointed Captain of the Lower School. The experiment of arranging Under 13 and Under 12 Rugby fixtures has given valuable match practice to Juniors, whose keenness is undoubted, even if their lack of experience has not yet brought them many successes. Boxing classes started with their usual enthusiasm, and the tournament resulted in a victory for Calverts, with Joblings, Hendersons and Meadows following in this order close behind. Natural History, Chess, Literary and Debating, Modelling, and Stamp Collecting Societies are all going strongly. Those who are members of the Choir will long remember their experiences in singing at St. Paul's, for which, together with practices for the Carols, they have given a good deal of their spare time. Increasing numbers of boys are taking part in classes for the violin and other instruments of music, and contributing to the membership of the School orchestra. M. J. B. Gray deserves congratula-

tion for his rendering of Ariel in *The Tempest*. In all this no mention is made of Schoolwork—because it is assumed that that goes on all the time, to the best of everyone's ability. This ideal is being approached by many boys, who are doing first-class work; but there is a small minority who could do better—who are not making the best of their own ability, nor of what the School offers them.

In concluding with the best of New Year wishes to all who contribute to the life of the Lower School, we would like to record our very real pleasure at the presence among us of Mr. T. H. Ricci; and to send our greetings to his "alter ego" Mr. K. M. Beynon, who is enjoying the warmth of abundant American hospitality on the "other side."

J.F.C.

LOWER SCHOOL HOUSE COMPETITION: AUTUMN 1953

MINUS POINTS				C	H	J	M	R	S
Detentions	...	...	...	54	51	39	57	27	39
Lates	...	...	...	13	7	12	9	18	6
				—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Minus	...	...	...	67	58	51	66	45	45
				—	—	—	—	—	—
PLUS POINTS									
'E' 'G' and 'B' Work	...	...	...	690	950	690	690	970	870
Duties, etc.	...	...	...	74	58	30	118	86	18
				—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Plus	...	...	...	764	1,008	720	808	1,056	888
Less Minus	...	...	...	67	58	51	66	45	45
				—	—	—	—	—	—
NETT POINTS	...	...	...	697	950	669	742	1,011	843
No. in House	...	...	...	46	46	46	45	46	46
POINTS PER HEAD	...	...	...	15.1	20.4	14.5	16.5	22.0	18.3
ORDER	...	...	...	5th	2nd	6th	4th	1st	3rd

1. RUSSELLS
4. MEADOWS

2. HENDERSONS
5. CALVERTS

3. STROUTS
6. JOBLINGS

THE LOWER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

This year we welcome the care and guidance of Mr. Welbourne, who has kindly taken the vacancy, left by Mr. Bothwell, of looking after the L. S. Chess Club. J. H. Yeomans was chosen as captain and B. L. Robinson as vice-captain, for the coming year. The club has not fared too well in the quality of play this year, for most of the best players in the Seconds last year have gone into the Upper School. Enthusiasm has certainly increased, as has been shown by the number of boys joining this term. Two of our members, R. Winney and J. K. A. Bennett, have been honoured by being

THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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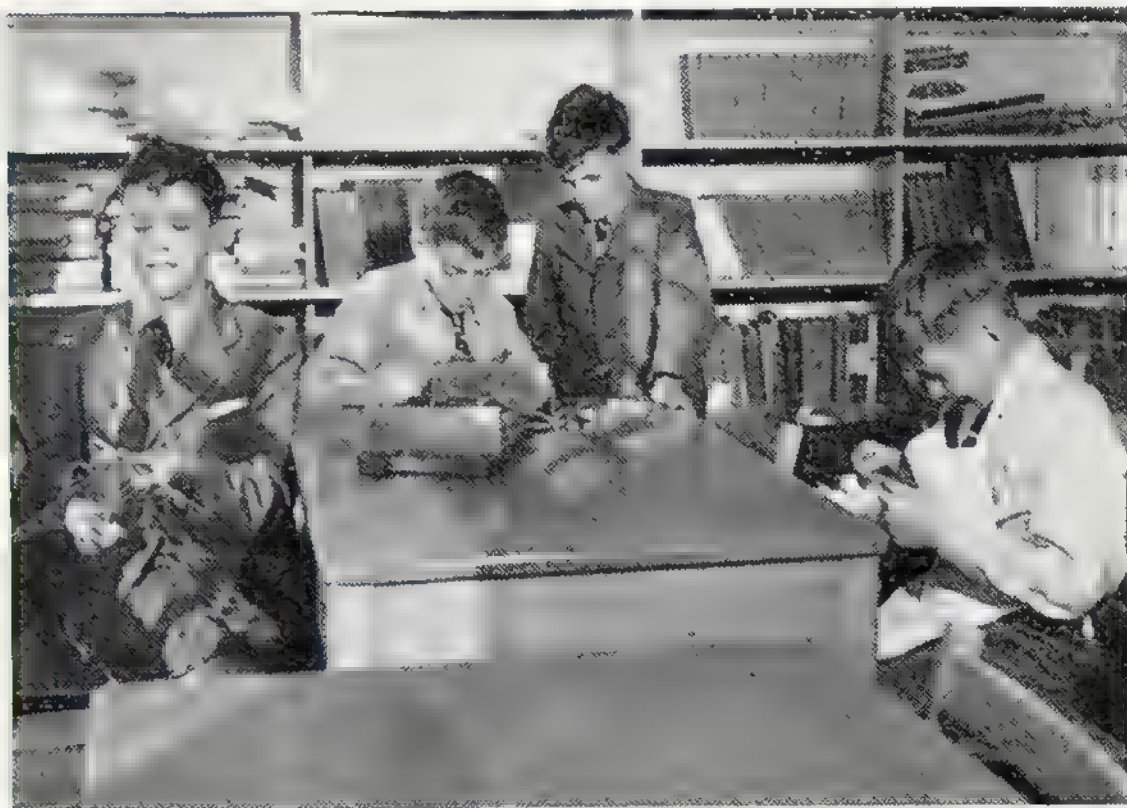


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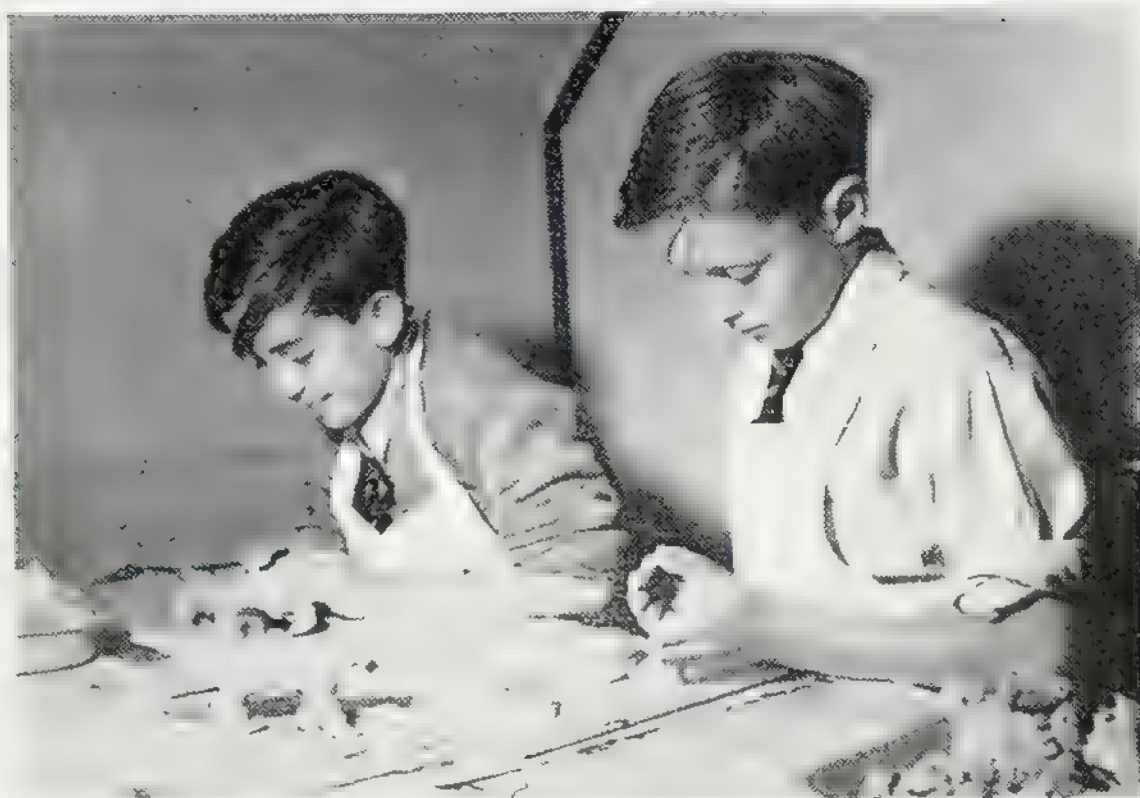
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PREPARATORY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



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selected to play for the School. The tournament by rating has been reorganised and played this term. An individual tournament has been devised by Mr. Welbourne and the winner will probably be awarded, as a prize, a book on chess.

We look forward to a good year as a club in teaching and improving the game for the beginners and the inexperienced.

B. ROBINSON (3a), *Vice-Captain*.

LOWER SCHOOL NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At the first meeting of the above Society, D. Ridge was elected Chairman and J. W. Felton Secretary for the ensuing year. The membership at present stands at about 50.

Eleven meetings have been arranged for this term and there have been good attendances at all those held up to date. The opening ordinary meeting was in the form of a quiz and the panel consisted of P. Eisenegger, B. L. Robinson, M. W. Whittle and P. C. Yellow. Many interesting replies were received. Subsequent meetings have all been very instructive and have included addresses by P. C. Yellow on "Pond Life," P. Eisenegger on "Freshwater Fish," B. L. Robinson on "Early Man" and B. D. Munn on "Animals of the Seashore." We are also fortunate enough to have a show of films on Fishes, Swans and Snakes. Other addresses which will be given before the end of term include one by G. J. B. Benfield on "Cavies," by R. S. Deakin on "Fossils" and by S. G. Kahn on "British Birds."

Our thanks are due to Mr. Cooper for the practical interest he takes in the Society.

J. W. FELTON.

Our Contemporaries

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following magazines from other schools, apologising for any inadvertent omissions: Albanian, Askean, Aldenham School Magazine, Bancroftian, Berkhamstedian, Brightonian, Caterham School Magazine, City of London School Magazine, Edmundian, Elizabethan, Elthamian, Exonian, Fettesian, Georgian, Haberdashers' Aske's Acton School Magazine, Heriotes, King's College School Magazine, Laxtonian, Masonian, Mill Hill School Magazine, N.L.C.S. Magazine, Olavian, Pelican, Portcullis, St. Dunstan's College Chronicle, Sulian, Tylorian, "The Wish Stream" (Magazine of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst), and South Hampstead High School Magazine, Tollingtonian, Copthall County Grammar School Magazine, Monmothian, Novaportan, Haberdashers' Aske's Hatcham School Magazine, Latymerian and The Hall Magazine.

Preparatory School Notes

What a host of memories the thought of Coronation time brings back to us. As befitted such a great occasion, it was by far our most memorable and crowded term ever, and these notes can be little more than a mere catalogue of events. Coronation week was for us, as for the whole School, a holiday, but many activities of the term and part of our Open Day displays derived their theme from it. Thus shape and purpose were given to a miscellany of activities, the most important of which was on July 3rd, when we were honoured by the presence of Mr. J. B. Bamborough and other distinguished guests at the official opening of the Preparatory School. The chairman of the School Governors presided at what was for us all a most memorable occasion, attended by many parents and friends as well as by staff and boys. In honour of Coronation year we had set ourselves a most ambitious target of £75 to be collected for charitable purposes. This target was reached on the last day but one of term and gave us all a real and satisfying sense of achievement. Congratulations to all concerned; everybody helped to a greater or lesser degree.

The Cricket XI had a very good season, even though the captain, J. Coombes, was unable to play in a single match because of a broken leg. This was a real tragedy for him and for us, and it is to the team's credit that under the circumstances it did so well. Of the ten School matches played, six were won, one drawn, and three lost, two of these latter being against older sides. The main feature of the season was the fielding, which was always good, and on more than one occasion excellent. Many splendid catches were held, and good ground fielding saved many runs, and accounted for several wickets by run-outs. During the season cricket colours were reawarded to J. Coombes, P. J. Brasier (acting captain) and M. G. Ewer (acting vice-captain). They were awarded to J. D. Harris, E. M. Carrington, A. D. Mackeggie, M. G. Vaughan, P. Mitchenere, R. E. Haslehurst and N. B. Twissell. The full results were as follows:—

May 15th. v. St. Martin's School (Home).

Result: Drawn.

St. Martin's School: 82 for 4 declared.

Haberdashers' Preparatory School: 59 for 6.

May 29th. v. Wellington School (Home).

Result: Lost by 7 wickets.

Haberdashers' Preparatory School: 33.

Wellington School: 43 for 5.

June 12th. v. Dulwich College Preparatory School (Home).

Result: Won by 22 runs.

Haberdashers' Preparatory School: 66 (Harris 19).

Dulwich College Preparatory School: 44 (Mackeggie 4 for 18, Harris 3 for 6).

June 19th. v. Lochinver House School (Home).

Result: Lost by 37 runs.

Lochinver House School: 72 for 4 declared.

Haberdashers' Preparatory School: 35.

June 22nd. v. Hendon Preparatory School. (Away).

Result: Won by 119 runs.

Haberdashers' Preparatory School: 128 for 1 declared (Brasier 54 not out
Ewer 54 not out.)

Hendon Preparatory School: 9 (Carrington 6 for 3, Harris 4 for 3).

June 30th. v. Wellington School (Away).

Result: Won by 5 wickets.

Wellington School: 37 (Vaughan 4 for 4).

Haberdashers' Preparatory School: 38 for 5 (Harris 18).

July 6th. v. Lochinver House School (Away).

Result: Won by 10 wickets.

Lochinver House School: 40 (Mackeggie 4 for 11).

Haberdashers' Preparatory School: 133 for 9 (Harris 52, Ewer 52).

July 9th. v. Lower School Ex-Prep.

Result: Won by 117 runs.

Haberdashers' Preparatory School: 35 and 106 for 3 declared (Ewer 32,
Vaughan 42 not out).

Lower School Ex-Prep: 7 (Carrington 6 for 0, Vaughan 4 for 4 and 17,
Mackeggie 6 for 9).

July 15th. v. Dulwich College Preparatory School (Away).

Result: Lost by 26 runs.

Dulwich College Preparatory School: 79.

Haberdashers' Preparatory School: 53 (Harris 19).

July 17th. v. Hendon Preparatory School (Home).

Result: Won by 47 runs.

Haberdashers' Preparatory School: 75 (Brasier 30, Twissell 19).

Hendon Preparatory School: 28 (Vaughan 3 for 1, Carrington 3 for 3).

We were delighted to see Mrs. Adams and her family during the term. She made the long journey from Twickenham especially to adjudicate at the Singing Competition, which was won by St. David's. Mr. Cooper again very kindly judged the Reading Competition, in which J. H. Williams won the Senior prize and M. J. Bowen the Junior. Various form outings took place as usual during the term. Sports Day was on July 3rd, the Sports Cup being presented by Mrs. Taylor, to whom we are very grateful. On July 23rd and July 24th, Open Days were held, each of which was very well attended. There were exhibitions of work in all the form-rooms, and of hobbies in the craft-room, and a Coronation display in the library, as well as the customary show of books and magazines. Puppet plays were performed in the model theatre, and contrasting types of choral speech and miming were presented by the Junior forms. The Senior play, produced by Miss Field, was an excerpt from *Midsummer Night's Dream*, with a cast of thirty. We must record again our sincere gratitude to Miss Field, and to her many helpers among staff, parents and friends, especially Miss Wozencroft, for this splendid production, so admirably staged and costumed. A sound dramatic tradition has been established in the last five years, and with our fine hall and stage we now have every opportunity for its development. The Open Day programme included also Senior and Junior Physical Education Displays arranged by Mr. Peebles, the performance of four songs by the choir trained by Miss Geddie and Miss Lear, and the presentation of trophies by Miss Field and by Mrs. Lewin.

The results of the Inter-House Competitions were as follows:—

Football:	St. George's	Sports:	St. George's
Boxing:	St. Patrick's	Cricket:	St. George's
Singing:	St. David's	Rounders:	St. Patrick's
Chess:	St. George's	Conduct:	St. Andrew's
Cross-Country:	St. Patrick's	Work:	{ St. George's St. Patrick's

House Shield: St. George's (for the third year in succession.)

SPORTS RESULTS

60 yds. (7-8):	1st Fellows, 2nd Harris, 3rd Cornish.
80 yds. (8-9):	1st Cook, 2nd Alexander, 3rd Ratcliffe.
100 yds. (9-10):	1st Tinker, 2nd Valdar, 3rd Allen.
100 yds. (10-11):	1st Axon, 2nd Morgan, S. H., 3rd Vaughan.
100 yds. (Over 11):	1st Harris, 2nd Mitchenere, 3rd Simons.
Sack Race (7-8):	1st Fellows, 2nd Cornish, 3rd Harris.
Sack Race (8-9):	1st Newson, 2nd Cook, 3rd Ebel.
Sack Race (9-10):	1st Pope, 2nd Tinker, 3rd Valdar.
Sack Race (10-11):	1st Williams, J. A., 2nd Flowers, 3rd Robbins.
Sack Race (Over 11):	1st Bond, 2nd Simons, 3rd Ewer.
Three-Legged Race (7-8):	1st Hodgson-Leverton, 2nd Cooper-Fellows, 3rd Harris-Toynton.
Three-Legged Race (8-9):	1st Hakes-Kanaber, 2nd Bollinghaus-Briggs, 3rd Bieber-Collins.
Three-Legged Race (9-10):	1st Turner-Dunn, 2nd Allen-Davies, 3rd Fewkes-Petrie.
Three-Legged Race (10-11):	1st Sober-Summers, 2nd Rees-Williams, J. A., 3rd Morgan, S. H.,-Twissell.
Three-Legged Race (Over 11):	1st Morgan, R. E.,-Simons, 2nd Harris-Mitchenere, 3rd Bond-Ewer.
Long Jump (Over 11):	1st Mitchenere, 2nd Slade, 3rd Vaughan.
High Jump (Over 11):	1st Harris, 2nd Ewer, 3rd Slade.
Cricket Ball (Over 11):	1st Vaughan, 2nd Ewer, 3rd Kaye.
Othagon (9-10):	1st Sumner, 2nd Valdar, 3rd Pope.
Othagon (10-11):	1st Sober, 2nd Morgan, S. H., 3rd Barratt.
Othagon (Over 11):	1st Ewer, 2nd Simons, 3rd Kaye.
Obstacle Race (Over 11):	1st Mitchenere, 2nd Harris, 3rd Vaughan.
Fathers' Race:	1st Mr. Haslehurst.
Mothers' Race:	1st Mrs. Novy.
Visitors' Race (Under 7):	Sylvia Voigt.
House Relay (Under 9):	1st St. Andrew's, 2nd St. George's, 3rd St. Patrick's.
House Relay (9-10):	1st St. David's, 2nd St. George's, 3rd St. Patrick's.
House Relay (10-11):	1st St. George's, 2nd St. Andrew's, 3rd St. Patrick's.
House Relay (Over 11):	1st St. Patrick's, 2nd St. George's, 3rd St. David's.
Medley Relay:	1st St. Andrew's, 2nd St. David's, 3rd St. George's.

At the end of term we were very sorry to have to say goodbye to Miss Field, who had been with us for five years. No tribute here could adequately testify to all her valuable and conscientious work both in and out of the form-room. She will be very greatly missed by us all and we would like to wish her every success in her new post as a Housemistress at Westonbirt. In addition thirty-three boys left, twenty-seven entering the Lower School and three accepting scholarships at other Grammar Schools. Many of them, especially the four House-captains, M. G. Ewer, J. Coombes, P. J. Brasier, and P. Mitchenere, had outstanding all-round records, and their departure leaves a big gap of which we are all painfully conscious—although they kindly did their best to fill it by presenting library books before they left. At the end of term the following appointments were made for 1953-4:—

<i>Head Boy:</i>	A. M. MAY (<i>St. David's</i>)
<i>Deputy Head Boy:</i>	D. BAKER (<i>St. Andrew's</i>)
<i>House Captains:</i>	<i>St. Andrew's:</i> D. BAKER
	<i>St. David's:</i> A. M. MAY
	<i>St. George's:</i> N. B. TWISSELL
	<i>St. Patrick's:</i> D. J. SMITH
<i>House Vice-Captains:</i>	<i>St. Andrew's:</i> J. M. LAWTON
	<i>St. David's:</i> C. A. LEVERTON
	<i>St. George's:</i> R. E. HUGHES
	<i>St. Patrick's:</i> G. E. REES
<i>House Games Captains:</i>	<i>St. Andrew's:</i> R. E. HASLEHURST
	<i>St. David's:</i> A. S. HODGSON
	<i>St. George's:</i> S. H. MORGAN
	<i>St. Patrick's:</i> J. A. WILLIAMS

R.A.L.

Cricket

Although the season has been as enjoyable as ever it would be difficult to claim that it was outstandingly successful. Several factors contributed to this, the weather being not the least. It was also not possible to stage practices at Westbere Road for the first two weeks of the term.

It is pointed out year by year that the only way to win matches is to score runs. These will not come by themselves and can only be obtained by concentration and aggressiveness. Repetition does not necessarily blunt truth and, once more, let it be said that Cricket is not a leisurely social activity—at least it should not be at school. Time is a valuable match-winning factor and all players should remember this, whether they are batting, fielding or changing at the end of an over. It seems that a too frequent ignoring of this has led to a lack of aggressive spirit both at the wicket and in the field.

Of the teams the most successful have been the Second and Third elevens, who have on occasions produced some vigorous cricket. Nevertheless, the First Eleven has put up a very good performance, particularly against the M.C.C., when the issue was in doubt right up to the last ball. In this game D. J. Maconachie scored a magnificent 97. It is perhaps difficult to select individuals for mention, but M. V. Walker certainly found himself as a wicket-keeper, while J. M. Burgess, though coming in late, was something of a find, especially as team construction has been so often a real problem.

However, one can at least hope that those who came young to the First Eleven will have profited by their experience and will help to make the next season's record somewhat more impressive.

Thanks are due to all who have enabled cricket to be carried on. Mr. Galley has once more bowled apparently tirelessly and quietly offered good advice, while Mr. Crossman has once more ably shouldered the secretarial work. Messrs. Hickman, Thomas, Welbourne and others have given up their time to coach and take charge of teams—service which cannot be taken for granted.

T.E.C.

CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

Although the First Eleven did not win a match till late in the season, they deserve sympathy for having had to endure such unfortunate weather, many matches being washed out or curtailed by rain. Among the drawn games the matches versus the M.C.C. and the H.A.C. will be particularly remembered by members of the School team on account of their exciting finishes, but the enjoyment of these games was lessened by the knowledge that few boys had come along to watch. We are lucky to have a sports ground of the beauty and serviceability of Chase Lodge, and few schools have anything to compare with it, as I can testify from my own experience, and from the comments made by visiting teams' captains. Mr. Galley must be congratulated on the way it is kept, and on all the jealous care he gives to the pitches.

The season was complicated by the incidence of the Coronation, and by the long examination period which claimed so many players on Saturdays and Wednesdays. The shortage of good players in this period was most acute.

It must be said that the School side did not show much consistency in any aspect of the game; the bowling was sometimes good, but as often poor; the batting showed real talent in some games, in others a uniformly low standard prevailed. There were several players whose fielding was always most reliable, but there were one or two whose reactions in the field were far too slow. I am, however, glad to be able to end on an encouraging note. Many of the side are young and will be staying on, in some cases for a few years to come, and the experience gained during this

season will, I hope, contribute to a general improvement in School cricket.

The work of the kitchen staff at Chase Lodge has been warmly appreciated. Thanks are also due to Mr. Carrington for his sympathetic guidance throughout the season, and to Mr. Crossman for his power of organisation and for being a most regular and welcome spectator at our matches.

THE SCHOOL *v.* THE M.C.C.

Wednesday, 10th June, 1953, at Chase Lodge. Match drawn.

The School won the toss and elected to bat. The two opening batsmen went in to face bowling which was at first not of a high standard. Even so, only 4 runs had been scored before Bate was run out through showing too much lethargy between the wickets. Carter came in next and, after playing a cautious maiden, soon pushed the score along till the School side was over the immediate crisis. Then, with the score at 25, Fuller was caught short on the leg side, and Maconachie joined Carter at the wicket, faced with a situation that demanded patient batting and concentration to bring the initiative back to the batting side. The batting that followed was safe, but even so the score crept up to 50 and beyond and gained impetus as it rose. This advance was checked by Carter being bowled for 27. He was replaced by Burgess, who, however slow in scoring, deserves praise for keeping his wicket as safely intact as if he had built a brick wall around it. Maconachie took over the task of run-making, and this he did to great effect. His innings showed an ability to play straight balls safely and those to the off aggressively, and it is this aggression, tempered with a respect for the good ball, which is pathetically too often lacking in the School batting.

After lunch the partnership was continued till Maconachie was caught fairly deep only 7 short of his century. Robbins made a dashing contribution, and Walker added a few, before the School declared with the score at 186 for 6, leaving the M.C.C. rather more than 2 hours in which to attempt to overtake the score.

The M.C.C. opening batsmen played well, giving no chances, but, although the score rose to 62 before loss of a wicket, they were getting more and more behind the clock and the game was drifting towards a draw. Then the two openers were dismissed in quick succession, and the game became alive once more with incoming batsmen going pell-mell for runs at the expense of their wickets. In this spell the School fielding was at its best, there being 4 run-outs through sharp returns to the wicket. At the fall of the sixth wicket there were 40 runs to score in 19 minutes, with runs already coming at the rate of over well 2 a minute. However, such was the keenness in the field and accuracy in bowling that, at 8 minutes before time, there were still 35 runs to score with nine wickets fallen and the School side was doing all in its power to capture the last wicket, but in vain; the result was a draw.

THE SCHOOL v. OLD HABERDASHERS

Saturday, 11th July, 1953, at Chase Lodge. Result : Lost by 3 wickets.

The School side won the toss and chose to bat first on a wicket that was to show more life than was at first apparent. The Old Haberdashers fielded a strong side, and the two opening bowlers were faster than any the School XI had had to face throughout the season. However, at the start of the innings the School were aided by the broad bat of Fuller, who withstood the initial onslaught of Binney and Jones. Farrand was bowled by an unreasonable ball which rose only an inch after pitching, and Carter soon spooned a shot and was easily caught. Once again the lot fell to Maconachie to make the major contribution and he was not out till the fall of the ninth wicket, having scored 36. When the School innings closed the total was 99 runs, which the O.H. had to exceed in two hours to win.

The School began well in their attack, Spratt's wicket falling to Maconachie, and those of Gainsborough and Ward to Pollock by the time the score had reached 12. This was followed up by Maconachie bowling Kenward 15 runs later. The position at this stage seemed bright from the School point of view, with most of the known dangers eliminated. But the hitherto unknown batting abilities of the succeeding Old Haberdashers soon altered the state of the game, and with hard hitting, particularly on the part of Jones, the 100 mark was reached for the loss of 7 wickets.

TEAM MAKE-UPS

FIRST XI

*Pollock (*Capt.*)
 *Maconachie
 *Fuller
 †Carter
 †Robbins
 *Walker
 †Curtis
 †Farrand
 †Burgess
 †McInnes, W.
 †Turner
 (†Ullman)

THIRD XI

Couch (*Capt.*)
 Bastin
 Matear
 Brett
 Horrocks
 Byerley
 Clifford
 McInnes
 Geer
 Sen Gupta
 Yeadon

**Denotes First XI Colours.*

SECOND XI

†Oeters (*Capt.*)
 †Skrimshire
 †Cleveland
 †Bate
 †Gardner
 †Newton
 †Crossick
 †Matthews
 †Purchase
 †Wheal
 †Wells
 (†Hanson)

COLTS XI

†Butler (*Capt.*)
 Scofield
 †White, M. S.
 †Wesson
 Leverton
 Hodgkinson
 Shankland
 Hoskin
 Boatman
 Fairley
 Wigzell

†Denotes First XXII Colours.

FIRST XI RECORD

- May 9th. v. Bancroft's School (Away).* Result : Lost.
H.A.H.S. 67; Bancroft's School 69 for 1.
Team: Pollock, Maconachie, Fuller, Bate, Carter, Robbins, Walker, Curtis, Farrand, Turner, Cleveland.
- May 16th. v. Hampstead C.C. (Home).* Result: Match cancelled.
- May 20th. v. Emanuel School (Home).* Result: Match Drawn.
Emanuel 96 for 8 dec. (Maconachie 6 for 33); H.A.H.S. 26 for 7.
Team: Wesson for Turner.
- May 27th. v. Brondesbury C.C. (Away).* Result: Match Abandoned.
Brondesbury C.C. 100 for 4, rain stopped play.
Team: Ullman for Cleveland.
- June 6th. v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S. (Home).* Result: Match Drawn.
Q.E.G.S. 143 for 5 dec.; H.A.H.S. 98 for 9.
Team: McInnes for Ullman.
- June 10th. v. M.C.C. (Home).* Result: Match Drawn.
H.A.H.S. 186 for 6 dec. (Maconachie 93); M.C.C. 159 for 9.
Team: Turner, Ullman, Burgess for Curtis, Wesson, McInnes.
- June 17th. v. Chigwell School (Home).* Result: Match Abandoned.
Chigwell 9 for 1, rain stopped play.
Team: Curtis for Pollock.
- June 20th. v. Eltham College (Away).* Result: Match Drawn.
Eltham 140 for 4 dec.; H.A.H.S. 88 for 4 (Maconachie 53).
Team: Pollock, McInnes for Fuller, Ullman.
- June 27th. v. Royal Masonic School (Away).* Result: Lost.
H.A.H.S. 76; R.M.S. 77 for 4.
Team: Fuller, Skrimshire, Wells for Maconachie, Turner, Burgess.
- July 1st. v. St. Dunstan's College (Away).* Result: Lost.
H.A.H.S. 142 for 6 dec.; St. Dunstan's 146 for 6.
Team: Turner, Maconachie, Burgess, Ullman for Wells, Bate, McInnes, Skrimshire.
- July 4th. v. H.A.C. (Home).* Result: Match Drawn.
H.A.H.S. 114 for 9 dec. (Fuller 32); H.A.C. 112 for 9 (Robbins 5 for 27).
Team: McInnes for Ullman.
- July 11th. v. Old Haberdashers (Home).* Result: Lost.
H.A.H.S. 99 (Maconachie 36, Binney 5 for 27); O.H. 102 for 7.
Team: Unchanged.
- July 18th. v. City of London School (Home).* Result: Match Drawn.
C.L.S. 92 for 8 dec. (Turner 3 for 19 inc. hat-trick); H.A.H.S. 60 for 6.
Team: Unchanged.
- July 22nd. v. St. Alban's School (Away).* Result: Match Cancelled.
- July 23rd. v. Devonport High School (Home).* Result: Won.
Devonport 33 (Maconachie 6 for 6); H.A.H.S. 36 for 4.
Team: Ullman, Butler for Farrand, Curtis.
- July 27th. v. Monmouth School (Home).* Result: Match Abandoned.
Monmouth 4 for 1, rain stopped play.
Team: Unchanged.
- May 9th. v. Bancroft's School Second XI (Home).* Result: Lost.
Bancroft's 85 (Wells 5 for 23, Oeters 4 for 13); H.A.H.S. 52.
- May 16th. v. Merchant Taylors' School Second XI (Away).* Result: Match Cancelled.
- May 20th. v. Emanuel School Second XI (Away).* Result: Won.
H.A.H.S. 56; Emanuel 30 (Turner 4 for 21).
- May 27th. v. St. George's School Second XI (Home).* Result: Match Abandoned.
St. George's 71; H.A.H.S. 10 for 2; rain stopped play.
- June 6th. v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S. Second XI (Away).* Result: Match Drawn.
H.A.H.S. 139 for 8 dec.; Q.E.G.S. 73 for 7.

FIRST XI CHARACTERS

POLLOCK, J. N. (*Captain*)—A sound left hand bowler and useful batsman who has proved a most capable captain. He has had many team difficulties to contend with but has been efficient and conscientious throughout the season on and off the field.

MACONACHIE, D. J. (*Vice-Captain*)—A sound left-handed batsman who has had several excellent innings, but whose bowling has not been as effective as appeared likely at the start of the season. An able and enthusiastic vice-captain.

BURGESS, J. M.—A player who came into the team late in the season and who must learn that only by enterprising play can runs be scored at a useful rate.

CARTER, D. G.—A stylish batsman who has often scored a few but never many. A good close-in fielder.

CURTIS, D. W.—A young left-handed batsman who has been gaining experience and should do well in future years.

FARRAND, J. T.—Starting the season disappointingly his batting has considerably improved, though style is still lacking. His fielding has not been good.

FULLER, N. A.—Continuing this season as an opening batsman he has steadily gained confidence and initiative. His fielding has been most reliable.

MCINNES, W. O'H.—A batsman brought up from the Colts XI with a view to gaining experience to supplement his natural ability.

ROBBINS, T. A.—More experience is required for him to develop fully his bowling ability. Similarly, more self-control exercised during batting should pay dividends. He is a very good fielder.

TURNER, C. W.—His bowling has sometimes been very good, but his fielding is poor.

WALKER, M. V.—Of all the team he has come through the season showing the most improvement on last year's standards, and has adequately filled the position of wicket keeper. His batting, however, is moderate.

The following have also played for the First XI and their services are appreciated:—BATE, BUTLER, CLEVELAND, CROSSICK, SKRIMSHIRE, ULLMAN, WELLS, WESSON.

AVERAGES

BATTING

	Runs	Innings	Not out	Highest Score	Average
Burgess	65	6	4	26	32.5
Maconachie	290	10	1	93	32.2
Fuller	141	10	0	32	14.1

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Maconachie	109.4	27	274	24	11.42
Turner	39	7	123	7	17.57
Robbins	84.2	13	268	13	20.62
Pollock	89.1	16	293	13	22.56

SECOND ELEVEN

As the results show, this has been, on the whole, a successful season, despite the many changes that had to be made in the team from week to week owing to illness and other troubles. The two matches which were lost might have ended differently if the batting of the Second XI had been better. Gardner and Purchase were the only two consistent batsmen, and only on two occasions, against Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, and against the Old Haberdashers, did the School team make a satisfactory total. On the other hand, the bowling of the team was excellent, especially that of Wells and Wheal who were ably supported by Cleveland and Purchase. The fielding of the team was also of a high standard and Crossick proved a most reliable wicket-keeper who took advantage of every mistake made by the batsman. Finally, I would like to praise the morale of the team, which, I feel, did much to help us win our matches.

SECOND XI RECORD

- June 20th. v. Eltham College Second XI (Home). Result: Won.*
Eltham 54 (Wheal 7 for 38); H.A.H.S. 55 for 4.
- June 27th. v. Royal Masonic School Second XI (Home). Result: Won.*
R.M.S. 46 (Wheal 5 for 10); H.A.H.S. 48 for 3.
- July 1st. v. St. Dunstan's College Second XI (Home). Result: Match Drawn.*
St. Dunstan's 83 for 8 dec.; H.A.H.S. 65 for 9.
- July 4th. v. City of London School Second XI (Away). Result: Won.*
C.L.S. 49 (Wells 5 for 13); H.A.H.S. 50 for 8.
- July 11th. v. Old Haberdashers' Second XI (Home). Result: Won.*
O.H. 110 (Cleveland 7 for 25); H.A.H.S. 111 for 8.
- July 18th. v. City of London School Second XI (Home). Result: Match Abandoned.*
H.A.H.S. 50 for 8; rain stopped play.
- July 22nd. v. St. Alban's School Second XI (Home). Result: Match Abandoned.*
St. Alban's 28 for 6; rain stopped play.

THIRD ELEVEN

Cricket was practically crowded out of this Summer Term and, of the matches themselves, two were abandoned through rain. It was also a source of some regret that a number of small but over-age boys were excluded from the team. Despite these setbacks, and above all despite the lack of continuous net-practice, a number of enjoyable and exciting games were played.

Of personal performances one stands out above all—that of the Captain, Butler. He has generally played 1st XI standard cricket and his batting has been of a very aggressive nature. He has handled his responsibilities as captain very ably and has at all times inspired his team. Leverton opened the innings on each occasion and batted pleasingly; he was also one of the better fielders on the side. Hodgkinson batted extremely well and, when given time to get his eye in, proved very difficult to dislodge.

White kept wicket soundly and on occasions showed himself capable of knocking the ball about. In the bowling sphere Hoskin, Butler, Wesson and Scofield tried with varying degrees of success to rout the opponents. Hoskin tended to be erratic and will have to think harder about what he is trying to do. Wesson was potentially the bowler who looked most like getting wickets as a "left arm round," but his action lacks maturity as yet and neither length nor direction has been accurate. Scofield batted intelligently but not very powerfully and, but for a shoulder injury, might have added a few wickets to his credit with his slow spin bowling. The remainder of the team played well and contributed as much as they could; and the customary tributes to Mr. Galley and the domestic staff may be echoed with as much fervour as ever.

G.C.H.

THIRD XI RECORD

- May 9th. v. City of London School (Home).* Result: Won by 7 wickets.
City of London 57 (McInnes 13 overs, 7 maidens—11 for 4); H.A.H.S. 62 for 3.
- May 16th. v. Merchant Taylors' School (Home).* No play, rain.
- June 6th. v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet (Home).* Result: Won by 4 wickets.
Queen Elizabeth's 53; H.A.H.S. 54 for 6 (Matear 23 n.o.).
- June 13th. v. Harrow County School (Away).* Result: Match Drawn.
H.A.H.S. 151 for 6 dec. (Brett 48, Matthews 29, Bastin 24); Harrow G.S. 66 for 7 (Matthews 10 overs, 3 maidens—20 for 4).
- June 20th. v. St. George's School (Away).* Result: Won by 7 wickets.
St. George's 43; H.A.H.S. 45 for 3 (Brett 17 n.o.).
- June 27th. v. Royal Masonic School (Away).* Result: Lost by 44 runs.
Royal Masonic 116; H.A.H.S. 72 (Walker, J., 32).
- July 18th. v. City of London School (Away).* Result: Match Drawn.
H.A.H.S. 77 for 8 dec.; City of London 27 for 4; rain stopped play.
- July 22nd. v. St. Alban's School (Away).* No play, rain.

SUMMARY

H.A.H.S. Won 3. Lost 1. Drawn 2. Abandoned 2.

COLT'S ELEVEN

COLTS XI RECORD

- v. City of London School.* Result: Lost by 20 runs.
City of London 52 (Wesson 5 for 15); H.A.H.S. 32.
- v. Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet.* Result: Won by 2 wickets.
Queen Elizabeth's 77 (Scofield 3 for 11, Butler 4 for 16); H.A.H.S. 87 (White 30, Butler 18).
- v. Emanuel School.* Result: Won by 33 runs.
Emanuel 79 (Butler 5 for 18, Wesson 3 for 22); H.A.H.S. 90 for 7 (Butler 33 n.o.).
- v. Chigwell School.* Result: Lost by 6 wickets.
H.A.H.S. 108 for 4 dec. (Hodgkinson 33, Butler 57); Chigwell 109 for 4.
- v. Bancroft's School.* Result: Won by 7 wickets.
Bancroft's 64 (Hoskin 3 for 8, Yeadon 3 for 18, Butler 3 for 22);
H.A.H.S. 65 for 3 (Hodgkinson 25, Butler 16).
- v. Royal Masonic School.* Result: Match Drawn.
Royal Masonic 135 (Wesson 3 for 60); H.A.H.S. 54 for 8 (Scofield 17).
- v. Alleyn's School.* Result: Match Abandoned.
H.A.H.S. 20 for 1; rain stopped play.

JUNIOR ELEVEN

The past season has been a most interesting one and, although the results are not very impressive, some excellent cricket has been played.

The batting has been the main strength of the team and in this department of the game both Bustard and Healey were outstanding. The bowlers did not always receive the support in the field which they deserved. Mercer, with his well flighted leg breaks, took 21 wickets, but otherwise the standard was below that of recent years.

Bustard has been an efficient and enthusiastic Captain and the tactical problems which he has had to solve during the season have provided him—and the team—with considerable experience for the future.

Felton was the team's reliable scorer.

D.F.C.T.

JUNIOR XI RECORD

- May 9th. v. Christ's College, Finchley (Home).* Result: Won by 8 wickets.
C.C.F. 33 (Mercer 5 for 5, Ridgley 5 for 8).
H.A.H.S. 67 for 2 (Churchland 26*, Bustard 14*).
- May 18th. v. Quainton Hall (Home).* Result: Draw.
H.A.H.S. 82 for 4 dec. (Bustard 27*, Healey 19).
Q.H. 33 for 9 (Mercer 4 for 13, Ridgley 2 for 8).
- June 6th. v. Colet Court (Away).* Result: Lost by 1 wicket.
H.A.H.S. 123 for 9 dec. (Churchland 40, Ridgley 17, Bustard 16, Healey 14).
C.C. 126 for 9 (Robinson 3 for 17, Treadwell 3 for 31).
- June 15th. v. Emanuel School (Home).* Result: Draw.
H.A.H.S. 58 for 4 dec. (Healey 32*, Bustard 16).
E.S. 41 for 8 (Mercer 4 for 12, Robinson 2 for 11).
- June 22nd. v. Quainton Hall (Home).* Result: Draw.
H.A.H.S. 72 for 6 dec. (Healey 33*, Bustard 17).
Q.H. 52 for 8 (English 7 for 8).
- June 27th. v. Christ's College, Finchley (Away).* Result: Lost by 62 runs.
C.C.F. 126 for 8 dec. (Ridgley 2 for 3, Mercer 2 for 21).
H.A.H.S. 64 (Barker 12, Churchland 11).
- July 4th. v. Watford G.S. (Away).* Result: Lost by 5 wickets.
H.A.H.S. 49 (Bustard 20).
W.G.S. 56 for 5 (Redpath 2 for 23, English 2 for 11).
- July 6th. v. Emanuel School (Away).* Result: Draw.
H.A.H.S. 81 for 6 dec. (Bustard 29, Mercer 13*, Healey 13).
E.S. 43 for 5 (Mercer 3 for 27).

JUNIOR XI

Bustard	Steed, P. J.
Healey	Robinson
Barker	Ridgley
Redpath	English
Searby	Fairley
Churchland	Treadwell
Mercer, D. B.	

Athletics

On the whole it may be said that the School teams, especially the Seniors, were unfortunate in not being more successful. Except for Wood the weakness lay with the sprinters, as nearly all the sprinters in the Senior team were primarily concerned with some other event, and took the sprints because no better men were available. In the matches against St. George's School, Harpenden, Harrow County and Eltham with Emanuel, the match was lost on the final relay race. In each of these matches a win in this event would have given us first place.

A new Lower School team was formed and won both its matches. This team owed much of its success to Shaw, who was awarded Junior Colours. It is to be hoped that he will retain his keenness throughout and after his school life.

The Colts won two of their four matches, Robbins, in the Javelin, and Wood, in the Sprints, showing considerable ability.

The results of the Senior team's matches were on the whole quite encouraging, and the considerable number of new School Records gave great satisfaction. Oeters set up a new High Jump record well above the previous record, and, as he is still at School with the runner-up Pettit, the prospects for next year are quite good. Coe broke the Shot Record on several occasions, and finally, by more than six feet, with a throw of 41 ft. 8 ins. Cleveland produced a new figure for the Discus with a fine throw of 111 ft. 11 ins.

Encouraging signs were that the number of boys making Athletics their main summer sport was trebled, and that after-school training sessions were attended by quite a large number of boys from the Middle and Lower School.

I should like to thank M. Freeman for his work as Team Secretary and Vice-Captain. My sincere thanks and those of the teams are extended to Mr. Dudderidge and Mr. Thomas who did much to promote interest in the sport, and to all the masters who helped so generously as officials in the matches.

MATCH RESULTS

1. *Triangular Match v. Emanuel School and Eltham College.*
School 39 pts. Eltham 40 pts. Emanuel 42 pts.
2. *Triangular Match v. Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe and William Ellis School.*
Seniors, Colts and Juniors.
Seniors: School 3rd.
Colts: School 3rd. Combined result: School 3rd.
Juniors: School 1st.
3. *School v. O. H. Athletics Club. Seniors only*
School 43 pts. O. H. 52 pts.
4. *School v. Harrow County School. Seniors and Colts.*
Seniors: School 46 pts. H.C.S. 49 pts.
Colts: School 53 pts. H.C.S. 38 pts.
Combined result: School 99. H.C.S. 87.

5. *School v. St. George's School.* Seniors and Colts.
Seniors: School 32 pts. St. G. 33 pts.
Colts: School 43 pts. St. G. 16 pts.
Combined result: School 75 pts. St. G. 49 pts.
6. *School v. Latymer Upper School.* Seniors, Colts and Juniors.
Seniors: School 54 pts. L.U.S. 70 pts.
Colts: School 31 pts. L.U.S. 62 pts.
Juniors: School 29½ pts. L.U.S. 20½ pts.
Combined result: School 114½ pts. L.U.S. 152½ pts.
7. *Pentathlon:* 1st. Coe 147 pts. 2nd. Silvey 138 pts. 3rd. Irwin 99 pts.

SCHOOL RECORDS

Event	Performance	Year	Holder	House
220 yds.	24 secs.	1931	Daly	M
440 yds.	53.3 secs.	1953	G. Silvey	M
880 yds.	2 min. 7.8 secs	1953	G. Silvey	M
1 Mile	4 min. 46.2 secs.	1953	G. Silvey	M
Long Jump	21 ft.	1911	A. Haskins	C
High Jump	5 ft. 4¾ ins.	1953	W. Oeters	J
Hurdles	16 secs.	1951	V. Matthews	C
Javelin	169 ft. 7 ins.	1952	G. Parker	S
Discus	111 ft. 11 ins.	1953	M. Cleveland	J
Shot	41 ft. 8 ins.	1953	B. Coe	M
Mile (grass track)	5 min. 0 secs.	1952	G. Silvey	M

The following have represented the School:—

Bailey, Bate, Brown, D. Cleveland, Coe, Davies, J., Freeman, Hunter, Irwin, Keen, Kent, Morris, Nash, C., Oeters, Pannell, Pettit, Phillips, Ridge J., Shrimpton, Silvey; Boatman, Butler, Byerley, Cedar, Clark, Collins, Goldman, Hampshire, Handscombe, Horne, Millman, Muteau, Purchase, Robbins, Waldman, Wilde, Wood, Wright; Bartlett, Churchland, Davis, K., Fuller, Healey, Redington, Shaw, Vogler.

G. H. SILVEY, *Captain of Athletics.*

During this year the Captain of Athletics has been successful in maintaining the enthusiasm created by his predecessor and extending it down the School. Any success enjoyed by the teams can be attributed to the example set by the leading athletes in the School, who have so much enjoyed their sport that they have joined athletics clubs and so found opportunities for practice and coaching during weekends. As with swimming, the competition standard now is infinitely higher than ever before, and greater concentration of effort together with some specialisation is necessary for success in competitions with other Schools. It has been good to watch cherished School records falling before these boys, and I would congratulate Silvey on the present standing of Athletics in the School. I hope that in the approaching season the progress will continue and the teams' efforts be rewarded.

J.W.D.

Boat Club

CAPTAIN'S NOTES

This Summer Term started with much anxiety. Would the Shell Boat we had on order arrive in time for the Summer League races, and if it did, would we be able to adapt our rowing to do well in a Shell Boat?

The second question was answered fairly soon in the first few weeks of the term. We were able to borrow a Shell eight from Twickenham, to whom we are indebted. Though this boat was heavier than the one we were expecting, it provided us with three weeks' valuable training, until we took delivery of "Robert Aske."

During this initial training we very soon found that a greater degree of concentration is necessary with a Shell boat than with a Clinker, both in and out of the water if disaster is to be avoided! Our boat drill improved, and achieved a remarkable standard, which was maintained throughout the term. However, to return to actual Rowing!

Good balance was soon achieved, but perhaps the biggest difficulty was in utilising to the full the very long slides of a Shell boat. At first, finishes were poor throughout the crew, but there was a fair rate of improvement which went on throughout the Season. We also took time to realise that, though a Shell boat is much lighter and faster than a Clinker boat, one still has to row just as hard, or even harder in a Shell boat in order to provide a good run on the boat. Another difficulty arose when we started rowing racing distances. We found we could start a course with fire and energy, and also finish with same, but there was a dull, lifeless period around the middle of the Course. As training progressed, we managed to keep going hard over the whole of the Course, and made the gratifying discovery that we were all working very much harder in the Shell than had been possible in the Clinker.

The Season's racing was now upon us, and in our first race at Richmond & Twickenham Regatta, we were drawn against Kingston Grammar School 1st VIII, a crew in a league Senior to us. Although we lost by $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, we were pleased with our performance on stamina over the six and a half minute row.

All our League races were away from Twickenham; three at Putney and one at Kingston. Without exception our outings and races at Putney were rowed in fierce winds and mountainous waves; very different conditions from those to which we were accustomed at Twickenham. We did quite well to win one of those races easily, and lose another after a very close race. Probably our finest performance was at Kingston, where, racing Kingston Grammar School 2nd VIII, we were $\frac{1}{2}$ length down at the half way stage. We were able to produce a very fine finish and won by $\frac{1}{2}$ length.

The first IV was not very active as a crew, owing to preoccupation with the eight. However, we were able to win one heat at Egham regatta, only to be eliminated in the next round.

Looking back on the year as a whole, it seems to me that a great deal of progress has been made. On the material side, the first step was our move to Twickenham, where our greatest asset has been to have a boatman, Rowe, at the Twickenham Boat House. We are very grateful to him for his sluices, and for keeping all our equipment in first class order. Secondly, the acquisition of "Robert Aske", our Shell Boat, put us in the Shell Boat League, and for the first time in the Club's history we had a boat equal to and in some cases superior to those of our rivals, which has been a great encouragement.

I think our rowing has improved in step with our improved facilities. We started with very few experienced oarsmen from last year, but we combined together well and were able to improve our Head of the River position, something which the Club has not done for four years. Also, on becoming accustomed to the Shell boat, we improved on last year's league performance, even though rowing in a higher league. In my notes for last year I wrote "lack of ability of eight individuals to merge into one rowing machine." This quotation does not, I feel, apply to this year. We should not, however, become self-satisfied; there is a great deal yet to be achieved, for we now have the opportunity to reach the top in Schools' rowing.

Owing to pressure of the other School work, Mr. McNair has found it impossible to remain Senior Rowing Master. It has been largely due to his efforts that the status of the Club has improved so much in the last four years, and I know that I speak for the Club when I say how much we appreciate the hard work he has put in during the time he has been Senior Rowing Master and 1st VIII Coach. We are very pleased he has not had to give up Rowing altogether. Finally, I should like to thank Mr. McNair, Mr. Keevil and Mr. Browning for their patient coaching and organisation, also Ridge, my Vice-Captain and Secretary, whose good council and efficiency have been of inestimable value at all times. I should also like to wish my successor, Routley, the best of good luck in the coming season, and express the hope that his term of Captaincy will be as enjoyable as mine has been.

1st VIII, 1953

Bow: G. H. Hingley; 2. J. Dichlian; 3. J. H. Kellett; 4. G. B. Binding
5. J. H. Routley; 6. C. J. Nash; 7. J. A. Robbins *stroke:* N. Ridge
cox: P. B. Sale.

1st IV, 1953

1. Robbins; 2. Nash; 3. Routley; *stroke:* Ridge; *cox:* Sale.

FIRST VIII RECORD

Wednesday, 27th May, Putney.

1st VIII v Latymer Upper School 3rd VIII.

This race was rowed in very rough conditions, both crews having taken much water by the time we reached the start. The School crew got away to a fair start, and went up immediately to $\frac{1}{2}$ length lead. We continued to draw away right down the course, to win easily and only just afloat.

Thursday, June 11th, Putney.

1st VIII v Westminster School 3rd VIII.

This race was rowed in fairly rough conditions, both crews getting away to good starts. After 20 strokes Westminster had drawn away slightly, and went on to lead by between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ length down the course, in spite of some good spurts by the crew. However, at the finish, Westminster drew away to win by 1 length.

Saturday, 13th June, Putney.

1st VIII v St. Paul's School 4th VIII

The conditions for this race were again rough, but both crews started well. However, St. Paul's drew away and continued to do so until the finish, and the School crew could make no impression on them at all. We lost by $3\frac{1}{2}$ -4 lengths.

Thursday, 18th June, Kingston.

1st VIII v Kingston Grammar School 2nd VIII.

The conditions for this race were fair, but there was a fair amount of river traffic. Both crews started well, but Kingston were leading by $\frac{3}{4}$ length halfway. Here the School produced the best spurt of the season and immediately started to go up. In 15 strokes we were level and after another 10 we were $\frac{1}{4}$ length up. After another excellent spurt, we won by $\frac{3}{4}$ length, the more exhausted crew.

Monday, 27th July.

1st IV v Monmouth School.

Canon and Mrs. Edwards, the donors of the cup for this annual fixture, were present with the Headmaster, Mr. Crossman and other friends to see the race. Unfortunately, through Rowe's illness we had our only maintenance troubles of the year on this morning and started late. The Monmouth crew were held at the beginning but soon started going up, and won most convincingly by 3 lengths.

J. A. ROBBINS, *Captain of Boats.*

The season which ended in the summer saw more innovations than the Club had ever known in such a short period. We moved to Twickenham, we were presented with "Robert Aske", and we saw a small but useful increase in the number of boys training on Tuesdays at Barnes. The effects of all this have not been immediate—our hopes of a very remarkable year for the first VIII did not materialize—but as a result of the changes we can hope for an expansion of activity and an improvement in standard in the future.

The Seniors were few in numbers this year, and on many occasions it was difficult to raise two complete crews on Wednesdays. Nevertheless the crew, though not achieving sensational results, acquitted itself reasonably and enjoyed two particularly exciting races in the League.

The Juniors, rowing at Barnes, continued to make progress and for the first time a fair amount of serious sculling training was possible. A Junior crew was entered for the Schoolboys Regatta, whence they returned bearing victor's trophies.

The Club was once more fortunate in its officers—Robbins as Captain and Ridge as Vice-Captain were both most reliable and set a high standard of behaviour, and were backed up by as hard-working and keen a first crew as I have known.

It is now to increased numbers above all that we must look to improve our results; it is only when each member of the crew feels that he has a rival eager to supplant him that we shall get first-class performance all the time. It is up to the present members of the Club to do their best to bring in keen new members.

J. McN.

Boxing

The House Boxing Competition was held during the latter half of the Christmas term. The large entry made necessary several sessions of preliminary bouts leading to the Finals in which many very close contests took place. Especially worthy of mention were the final contests between Mitchenere and Evans, Webster and Summervill, Whittam and Porter, English and Anderson, Stewart and Curtis, Scofield and Leverton,

The Upper School Competition was won by Joblings and the Lower School Shield by Calverts.

HOUSE BOXING RESULTS

UPPER SCHOOL SHIELD			LOWER SCHOOL SHIELD		
1	Joblings	24 points	1	Calverts	45 points
2	{ Calverts	17 "	2	Joblings	42 "
	{ Strouts	17 "	3	Hendersons	41 "
4	Meadows	16 "	4	Meadows	40 "
5	Hendersons	15 "	5	{ Russells	32 "
6	Russells	11 "		{ Strouts	32 "

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

UPPER SCHOOL

Under	6st.	7lbs.	(under 14)	Page	(C)
"	7st.	0lbs.	"	Mercer	(J)
"	7st.	0lbs.	(over 14)	Stewart	(S)
"	7st.	7lbs.	"	Brewer	(H)
"	8st.	0lbs.	(under 14)	Healy	(H)
"	8st.	0lbs.	(over 14)	Whittam	(C)
"	8st.	7lbs.	(under 15)	Boatman	(M)
"	8st.	7lbs.	(over 15)	White	(S)
"	9st.	0lbs.	(under 15)	Scofield	(J)
"	9st.	0lbs.	(over 15)	Allen	(S)
"	9st.	7lbs.	(under 15)	Start	(R)
"	9st.	7lbs.	(over 15)	Rogers	(C)
"	10st.	0lbs.	"	Horne	(J)
"	11st.	0lbs.	(under 16)	Stern	(J)
"	11st.	0lbs.	(over 16)	Pangalos	(C)
"	12st.	0lbs.	"	Lewis	(H)
"	13st.	0lbs.	"	Nash	(S)

BOXING: INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

LOWER SCHOOL *Under 12 yrs.*

Under	5st.	0lbs.	Harris	(H)	Under	5st.	5lbs.	Flowers	(M)
"	5st	10lbs.	Mitchenere	(C)	"	6st.	0lbs.	Kingman	(C)
"	6st.	5lbs.	Brasier	(C)	"	6st.	10lbs.	Webster	(C)
"	7st.	0lbs.	Weston	(S)	"	8st.	0lbs.	Ewer	(H)
Over	8st.	0lbs.	Pace	(J)					

Under 13 yrs.

Under	5st.	0lbs.	Gray	(S)
"	5st.	8lbs.	Whittam	(C)
"	6st.	3lbs.	Brown	(M)
"	6st.	8lbs.	Trevelyan	(J)
"	7st.	4lbs.	English	(R)
"	8st.	7lbs.	Benfield	(H)

Under 14 yrs.

Under	5st.	2lbs.	Sutcliffe	(H)
"	5st.	8lbs.	Witheridge	(C)
"	6st.	11lbs.	Hart	(S)
"	8st.	0lbs.	Hounsell	(J)
"	8st.	7lbs.	Strange	(H)

Swimming

Nobody can regard the standard of School swimming with complacency. The standard of swimming everywhere continues to rise at a high rate, and unless School swimmers take their sport seriously, they will find themselves completely outclassed. This state of affairs can only be avoided by hard work.

Taken as a whole, this season has been disappointing. The senior team has won only one match out of seven and must be one of the weakest teams on record. The junior team has won four matches and lost two, an improvement on last year. This team trained conscientiously and put up quite a satisfactory performance. Congratulations are due to the outstanding juniors, Collins and Oppenheimer, the latter being beaten once only, and the former not at all. The rest of the team consisted of boys, who, if they trained harder, would do very well indeed. The Under 14 team, competing this year for the first time, lost both its matches. They displayed much enthusiasm and put up a creditable performance.

In the Bath Club Cup Relay and the Public Schools Medley Relay, the School came last in its heats, but in the former event two of the boys were juniors and, in the latter, three out of the four were juniors.

The School divers have been quite successful this season, though the technical standard remains rather low. If our diving is to improve, the divers must join a Diving Club and train in baths equipped with good boards and deep water. There are many potentially excellent divers in the School.

It has not been possible to devote much time to polo, with the result that the team fielded has been mediocre. Of the three matches played, one was won, one drawn and one lost. In future years the need to devote more time to swimming training may make it impossible to give a place to polo in School matches.

The junior and senior swimming teams have been coached once each week throughout the winter and summer by Mr. Aplin at the Seymour Hall Baths and the School Bath when open. Whilst coaching sessions have been of the greatest value, being one of the main reasons for the success of the junior team, the attendance during the winter was disappointing, few of the seniors turning out.

One of the more encouraging features of the summer was the number of boys taking an interest in competitive swimming. Amongst these were members of the Fifth and Sixth, and Lincoln, Snowman, Aust, Dichlian and Warren may do well in future years and provide a well needed boost for the Senior team.

Last year the breast stroke and the butterfly became two separate strokes. The School possessed too few butterfly swimmers to justify separate events in the gala and in matches, but it is hoped that by 1954 it will be possible to have these separate events.

In view of the peculiar length of the School Bath (53 ft.) it has been decided to establish School Bath records over 6 and 3 lengths, and the position at the end of the 1953 season was as follows:—

			<i>Name</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Date</i>
6 Lengths	(106 yds.)	Free Style	Collins	68.3 secs.	8.6.53
3 Lengths	(53 yds.)	Free Style	Collins	29.9 secs.	26.7.53
6 Lengths	(106 yds.)	Back Stroke	Attenborough	83.5 secs.	13.5.53
6 Lengths	(106 yds.)	Butterfly	Attenborough	83.5 secs.	10.6.53

It must be realised by the swimming teams that in order to win all their matches, members must be prepared to do part of their training out of School. Even with the maximum use of the School Bath it is not possible to fit in enough training there, due partly to its small size, and the lack of time available. It is notable that Collins, who was not defeated this season, belongs to a swimming club and swims at weekends. The seniors did not make full use of their opportunities and this accounted for some of the humiliating defeats suffered by them.

Our aim must be to win all our matches and the Bath Club Cup, and this will call for a very high standard. The only way to this is hard and intelligent training, to give stamina and polish.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr. Dudderidge for his advice and encouragement, Mr. Aplin for his coaching, and Clark, the Vice-Captain and Hon. Secretary, for his secretarial work and enthusiastic assistance.

The following swam for The School:

Seniors:—Attenborough, Clark, Farrand, Readman, Haley, Higgs, Coe, Molineaux, Dichlian, Pettit, Darke.

Juniors:—Collins, Oppenheimer, Mercer, Stern, Barnes, Sluce, Start, Bysher, Clifford, Pryke.

Under 14:—Martin, Leverton, Ohrenstein, Leil, Strange, Hesselberger, Garrod, Roberts, Cramb, Steed.

Polo Team:—Clark, Coe, Molineaux, Attenborough.

Bath Cup Team:—Haley, Mercer, Collins, Attenborough.

Public Schools Medley:—Sterne, (Backstroke), Collins, (Freestyle), Oppenheimer, (Breaststroke), Attenborough, (Freestyle).

Full Colours:—Re-award: Attenborough. New awards: Clark, Collins.
Half Colours:—Oppenheimer, Stern, Mercer.

MATCH RESULTS

Tuesday, May 12th. v. Mill Hill School.

Seniors Lost 26—32. Juniors Won 31—17.

Friday, May 22nd. v. St. Dunstan's College.

Seniors Lost 18—38. Juniors Lost 19—37 Under 14 Lost 14—24.

Wednesday, May 27th. v. Latymer Upper School.

Seniors Lost 37—21. Juniors Won 29—19. Polo Lost 0—1.

Monday, June 8th. v. St. George's.

Seniors Won 38—20. Polo Won 4—0.

Wednesday, June 10th. v. City of London School.

Seniors Lost 16—32. Juniors Won 24—19. Under 14 Lost 13—31.

Wednesday, June 17th. v. Eltham College.

Seniors Lost 27—33. Juniors Won 36—24. Polo Draw 2—2.

Wednesday, July 1st. v. Berkhamstead School.

School Lost 37—21. Juniors Lost 35—22.

A. ATTENBOROUGH, *Captain of Swimming.*

The above report speaks for itself, and the Captain of Swimming does well to stress the point that the only way to meet the great increase in competition is to give more time and effort to training. No longer will natural ability and moderate effort bring success to a School swimmer. During his year of office Attenborough worked very hard for his team and I can only say how sorry I was that he was not more fully rewarded by success. I hope his reward will come through his junior team when they compete as Seniors next year and the year after.

J.W.D.

Tennis Notes

The general standard of play last summer was a definite improvement on recent years, even though the final results were not outstanding. A cheerful and keen team achieved some sound wins. It was refreshing to see some, at least, practising the difficult art of returning the ball into court at a pace they could control. On isolated occasions hard, aggressive play, backed by initiative, thought and consistency, could be spotlighted—such tennis was shown by Breedon and Ovens. Unfortunately, this was not the average standard.

Our heaviest defeat was by Emanuel (6-1, with one match drawn and one unfinished) who taught us again that consistency is essential. We had, however, some very fine wins, notably a 7-2 victory against Harrow County and a 5-4 victory against Westminster. We won 5-0 against Brighton and the Old Haberdashers' received a warning that we had a good team when the Headmaster saw part of our 4-0 victory against them; in the return match, however, they were revenged. We lost to the two clubs on our fixture list—Heathfield and Brondesbury—but I must comment on the most enjoyable match at Brondesbury where Mr. Paine provided excellent hospitality.

At Wimbledon, in the Public Schools Week, our team drew two matches all in the doubles of the first round of the Youll Cup but, unfortunately, we lost the deciding singles. In the under-16 section we were represented by two pairs (Nice and Robson, Dorner and Stoddard) owing to the scratching of Rugby School from the event. Both these Junior pairs won one round—a creditable performance, especially as they were beaten only by the finalists. The Senior team entered the Plate Competition and again we won one round.

The declared policy last year was to try to get pairs established, and practical efforts have been made to this end in the form of inaugurating an American Ladder Competition; this has had an immediate effect on the overall standard of play and keenness which bodes well for the future.

There exists already a nucleus around which to build a good team, and cheerfulness and spirit are also much in evidence. The most promising players to be seen in action on Wednesdays now include Stoddard and Hodgkinson, Ginn and Beach, Nice and Barker.

Some new fixtures are proposed but the details of these are not yet complete.

First VI last Summer included: Supran* (Capt.); Walker, J. G.,* Ovens,* Herzog,* Breedon,* Bragg,† Ridge,† Lyle† and Ross†; Sarner and Walker, M.V., also played.

Second VI last Summer included: Breedon* (Capt.), Bragg,† Ross,† Ridge,† Lyle,† Crossick,* Bishop, Barker† and Nice†. Fine, Haverfield, Robson† and Dorner also played.

* First VI Colours. † Second VI Colours.

RECORD OF MATCHES

<i>First VI:—</i>	<i>Played—14</i>	<i>Won—6</i>	<i>Lost—8</i>	<i>Drawn—0</i>
<i>Second VI:—</i>	<i>Played—6</i>	<i>Won—4</i>	<i>Lost—2</i>	<i>Drawn—0</i>

L. D. SUPRAN, *Captain of Tennis.*

Coke

There was a young man of Burnt Oak
Whose meals were six pieces of coke.
When his friends asked him why
He would sometimes reply,
‘If I ate the whole bucket I’d choke.’

A.H.

C.C.F.

During the past training year the strength of the C.C.F. increased to 351. The Army Section N.C.O.s worked hard to assimilate the large intake of recruits, while the remainder of the Corps continued training for their various examinations. The examination results testify to the success of their efforts, the following passes being obtained during the year :—

Petty Officers' examination	...	...	...	5
Leading Seaman's test	...	...	...	6
Certificate " A " Part 1	...	...	...	106
Certificate " A " Part 2	...	...	...	69
Certificate " T "	...	...	...	3
Classified Signallers	...	...	...	6
R.A.F. Advanced Proficiency	...	...	...	11
R.A.F. Proficiency examination	...	...	...	24

ANNUAL INSPECTION

The Contingent was inspected on the 15th of May by Air Vice-Marshal W. J. Seward, C.B., C.B.E., accompanied by Commander C. T. Collett, R.N., Major J. H. Wiggin, M.C., and S/Ldr. J. G. Bishop, D.F.C. On this important occasion, as on so many other occasions during the Summer Term, it rained. However, the contingent had rehearsed in the rain during the previous week and was ready for such an emergency. The Inspecting Officers' reports, which are quoted below, need no further comment.

GENERAL REPORT

" I was pleased to compliment this Contingent on parade for their smart turn-out and general all-round efficiency, despite the fact that it rained heavily during the inspection.

The Army Section N.C.O.s were a particularly smart body of cadets. The Naval and R.A.F. Sections had organised their specialist training in a most efficient manner and some of the instruction given by the N.C.O.s was first class.

I consider this to be a very good officer-producing Contingent."

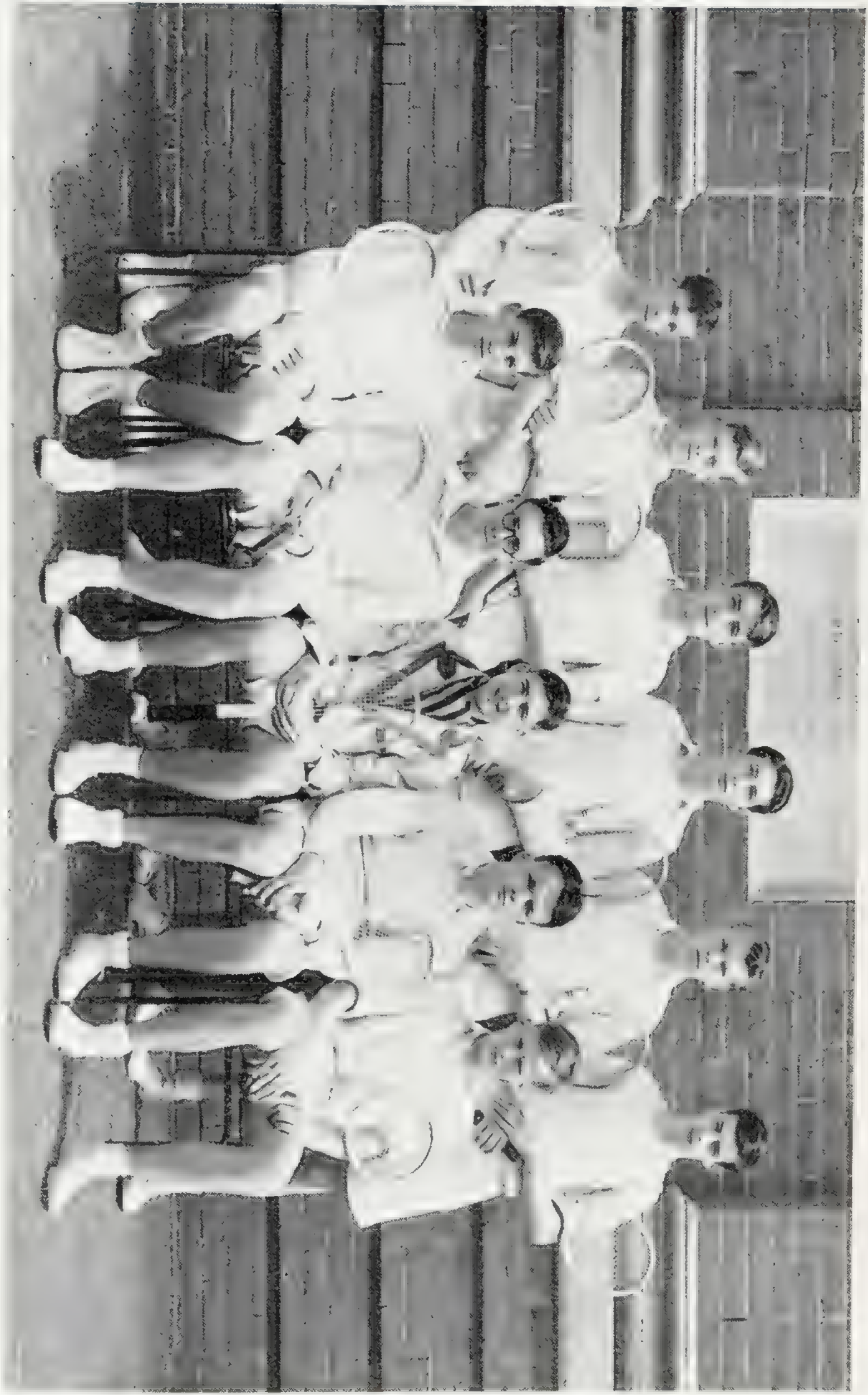
R.A.F. SECTION

" The standard of training in this Contingent appears exceptionally high. The cadets were well turned out, and their uniforms in good condition."

R.N. SECTION

" The march past was excellent and cadets were very steady on parade. The turn-out was first class. A well-run, keen and efficient Naval Section."

TENNIS TEAMS, 1953.



Standing: J. M. ROBSON, L. D. NICE, M. J. BRAGG, S. A. CROSSICK, R. B. LYLE, N. RIDGE,
Sitting: J. G. WALKER, A. S. BREIDON, L. D. SUPKAN (Captain), J. A. HERZOG, R. F. OVENS.

Photo by Westwood & Nokes, Kingsbury.

BISLEY TEAM, 1953.



Standing: L/Cpl. D. J. McLaren, Cadet C. W. Morton, L/Cadet N. R. Ridge, A B R. B. Latt, Cadet A. E. Morris,
Cadet J. R. Parker.

Sitting: L/Cpl. G. Powell, Sgt. N. Ridge, C.S.M. G. H. Silvey, Sgt. A. M. Barrow, L/Cpl. B. E. Harris.

Photo by Westcott & Nodes, London.

SHOOTING

The miniature range has been in constant use throughout the year. In addition to the Empire Test, which all cadets fire, the School VIII fired off several inter-school matches, and took part for the first time in the Country Life Schools' Competition.

A party of 24 cadets attended a three-day camp at Bisley during the Easter holidays, while further week-end shoots were held during the Summer Term when teams were entered for competitions organised by the London and Middlesex and the Sussex County Rifle Associations. In the Ashburton Shield competition our hopes were dashed by a violent thunderstorm, during which heavy rain obscured the targets for so long that our team was unable to complete the shoot in the allotted time. Cadet J. R. Parker, however, scored a sound 66 in the Cadet Pair competition and was awarded the N.R.A. Schools' Hundred Badge.

THE BAND

Membership of the Corps Band, now in its third year, increased to 30, and a Drum and Fife section has been added to the original Bugle Band. Partly to gain experience, but mainly for the fun of it, the Band entered for the Hornchurch Open Band competition in which they were placed 12th out of 23 competing bands. The Band also appeared in public on Commendation Day when the Drums, Bugles and Fifes beat a traditional Tattoo.

To Mr. J. Imhofe, our hard-working instructor, and to C.S.M. Perkins, our newly-appointed Drum Major, is due the credit for the sound progress the Band has made in so short a time.

COMMENDATION DAY

A Guard of Honour drawn from all three sections and commanded by Fl/Lt. K. M. Beynon was inspected by the Master of the Haberdashers' Company, Lt. Col. Bamford-Smith, on Commendation Day. The Guard was deservedly complimented on its excellent turn-out and drill.

CAMPS AND COURSES

One hundred and eighty-six cadets attended Annual Training during the summer holidays, the R.N. Section at Portsmouth, the Army Section at Shorncliffe, and the R.A.F. Section at Dyce.

In addition, 52 cadets attended during the year courses covering Drill, Methods of Instruction, Field Engineering, Automobile Engineering, Armourers' Duties, Signals, Map Reading, Railway Operating, Gliding, Signalling, Gunnery, Naval Aviation, and P.T.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Inter-Section Drill and Shooting Competition: Army Section (Sgt. Pollock).

Basic Section Drill Competition: No. 4 Platoon (Sgt. Newton).

Recruits' Cup: Cadet K. Leverton.

Inter-House Shooting Competition: Joblings.

Ulyett Cup: Cadet C. W. Morton.

Digby Cup: L/Cpl. B. E. Harris.

ROYAL NAVY SECTION

The training programme of the section during the Summer Term culminated in a week's Annual Training at Portsmouth. This was spent in H.M.S. Scorpion, a destroyer, which at the time of our visit was in dry-dock. The training was varied and included a day's sailing to the Isle of Wight, boat pulling and rigging and visits to a number of shore establishments and the boy's training school in St. Vincent. Six cadets attended courses varying from Signals to P.T. and all passed their various tests.

The start of the Autumn Term found the strength of the section increased to 36—the maximum possible under existing conditions. P.O. Pangalos was appointed cadet i/c of the section with P.O. Marino cadet i/c drill, and P.O. Bennett cadet i/c signals. L/S. Gray was appointed to assist with the administration, clothing and equipping of the section. Cdr. McLean has kindly helped the Petty Officer candidates preparing for their examination.

"Field Day" was spent doing practical boatwork from H.M.S. Jamaica. The Port Watch spent the day in an M.F.V. taking turns at the wheel while the starboard watch pulled and rigged two cutters.

ARMY SECTION

The Summer Term field day at Chobham is chiefly memorable for the well-planned tactical scheme produced by C.S.M. Silvey, and for the rousing battle in which many senior N.C.O.s were taken prisoner by the more alert members of the Basic Section.

Summer Camp at Disgate, near Shorncliffe, was attended by 125 cadets. Apart from one wet day the weather was favourable. The training programme included several excellent demonstrations, a whole day map reading exercise and a day on the Hythe ranges. A welcome is extended to Mr. Sexton, who has joined the Army Section this term.

Promotions (September, 1953): To C.S.M.: Sgt. Barrow, Sgt. Perkins.

To Sgt.: Cpls. Binding, Goad, Howell, Kaulins, Kent, Rogers.

To Cpl.: L/Cpls. Boyers, Collombin, Gross, Jones, Lang, Lincoln, Mansbridge, McLaren, Powell, Rosenstock, Scruton, Snowman, White.

To L/Cpl.: Cadets Bancroft, Bate, Beddow, Beddison, Boulton, Bowen, Bragg, Bryant, Chapman, Cleveland, Clifford, Curtis, Davies, Dichlian, Flatto, Handscombe, Humby, Jarritt, Mann, Morris, Morton, Ovens, Pannell, Pearson, Powell, Robbins, Smith, Stacey, Vane, Waldman, Ward, White.

R.A.F. SECTION

Training continued on normal lines during the Summer Term apart from the Annual Inspection and rehearsal for it.

In spite of the rain the Inspection was very successful and the Inspecting Officer, Air Vice-Marshal Seward, was more than mildly impressed by the high standard of training achieved by the unit.

The Section did not finish quite so impressively in the Inter-Section Competition.

On Field Day part of the unit travelled to Bisley and spent the day on the Two Hundred Yards Range while the remainder were engaged in a field operation labelled *Nosey Parker*, the object being to ascertain the answers to a set of questions relating to the locality and to rendezvous successfully at the end of the day at a given point in spite of the attention given by umpires.

Closing a very successful training year with a large number of recruits, the unit visited R.A.F. Dyce, Aberdeenshire, for annual camp. Two officers and 55 cadets made up the party, many being recruits, and, in spite of the weather, a certain amount of training was achieved, although the general impression was more that of a holiday camp, so frequent were the "interest visits". All cadets were airborne during the camp.

During the summer holidays two cadets carried out flying training under the Flying Scholarship scheme and one gained the Private Pilot's Licence.

With an increase of 29 cadets in the Autumn Term the unit was reorganised into three flights. A large number of instructors remain from last year and it is unfortunate that, owing to lack of space, instruction squads cannot be made smaller and more numerous.

Up to the present three cadets are undergoing week-end training at 125 Gliding School while three others are acting as staff cadets to the Course.

On Field Day the unit was again divided, one part visiting Halton and the other Biggin Hill. Due to uncertainty caused by the very poor weather some time was wasted at Halton, but, in spite of delay to the aircraft all members, of both parties were airborne,

Promotions: To be Acting Flight Sergeant: Sgt. Jarman; To be Acting Sergeants: Cpl. Beales, Cpl. Trott; To be Acting Corporals: L/Cdts. Battson, Gardner, F. Godman, Read, Secker, Lord, Oeters (25/7/53); To be Warrant Officer: Sgt. Jones, R. B.; To be Flight Sergeants: Acting Sgt. Beales, Cpl. Spencer, Cpl. Supran; To be Sergeants: Cpl. Bastin, Cpl. Kellett; To be Corporals: Acting Cpls. Battson, Gardner, F., Godman, Read, Secker, Lord, Oeters, L/Cdt. Couch (25/9/53).

Increase in strength: Cdts. Ashford, Barber, Barnes, Brice, Buckle, Catford, Clark, C. D., Cohen, Ellacott, Fairley, Fox, Gaunt, Goldthorpe, Hatfield, Hodgkinson, Kealey, Mathias, Pardey, Parker, N. A., Smith, M. R., Stark, B. A., Thompson, Treleaven, Webster, Wigzell, Worth, Fitzgerald (26/6/53). Cdts. Youngman and Sykes (16/10/53).

Decrease in strength: Flt/Sgt. Keen, M. J., Acting Flt/Sgt. Jarman, Cpl. Bancroft, Cpl. Trott, S/Cdt. Turner, C. W., L/Cdt. Walker, M. V., Wilkinson, A. E. F., Easterbrook (31/7/53). Cpl. Rotheroe (30/9/53). L/Cdt. Beck, A. (16/10/53).

Proficiency Certificate: Cdt. Philips, M. A.

Advanced Proficiency Certificate: L/Cdts. Brown, D. A.*, Couch, Gardner, F.*, Godman, Lord*, O'Brien, Oeters, Read, Secker*, Smith, G., Turner, C. W. (13/7/53).

*Denotes Pass with Credit.

Special Service Unit

The last half year has seen several Staff changes, the Unit having lost the services of Mr. Barling and Mr. Campbell and regained those of Mr. Moody. The latter has taken charge of the First Aid work, and a large group has begun the course for the Elementary Certificate of the British Red Cross. With the advent of the new Groundsman the S.S.U. will no longer be responsible for maintenance of the School Field and its efforts will in the future be restricted to attending to the gardens along the front of the School and carrying out specific jobs on the premises. Mr. Dudderidge has taken charge of this outside work; and roses, bedding plants and bulbs have been planted in profusion. Mr. Griffiths has inaugurated a study group on Classical History, as well as keeping up the study of causes of conflict in the world, Mr. Thomas has given valuable service in organising classes in recreational gymnastics and life saving. Summer Term Field day was devoted to service on the School premises, but in the Autumn Term, a plan to arrange long walks in the countryside of Hertfordshire was rather put out by heavy and continuous rain. Some of the members defied the weather and went through with their assignment in spite of the downpour, but others less determined beat a retreat to the railway and returned to London.

Increase in Strength: Beck, Shashoua, R.S., Shashoua, S. S., Raley, Wood, Rose, S. P. R., Mitchell, Dorner, Jacobson, Dombey, Tarlow, Goodman, Fuller, Gordon, Hitchcock, Hauxwell, Selby, Craig, Ebel.

Decrease in Strength: Freeman, Attenborough, Skwara, Verbov, Fine, L. S., Newton, A. M., Crossick, Boost, Edelman, Jefferies, Shorn, Gundlach.

Section Leaders: Farrand, Sarner, Neale, Genis, McInnes, W., Fraiman, Beach, Mitchell, Fuller, Hitchcock.

J.W.D.

Biology Society

Following the normal practice in recent years there were no official meetings of the society in the Summer Term.

The Autumn Term's programme began with the Annual General Meeting at which the Chairman, Secretary, and Committee were elected. During the term two film meetings were held and two evenings were devoted to talks by members. At the first of these meetings D. A. Brown spoke on "Limnology" and S. Shashoua on "Yellow Fever." At the second meeting N. J. Godman gave a talk on "Staining Techniques" and J. B. Davies spoke on "Viruses."

The attendances at the general meetings of the Society have been good throughout the term, and the Limnological Section in particular has been very active. On behalf of the Society I should like to thank M. Sarner, for the efficient way in which he has carried out his duties as Chairman, and Mr. Pawsey and Mr. Savory, whose help and advice have been so valuable to the society.

J. C. LORD, *Hon. Sec.*

Camera Club

A few years ago the Society's name was changed from "Photographic Circle" to "Camera Club" and we met weekly for three weeks. Then the name was changed again and we met once in the remaining five weeks of the term. Last year it was suggested that the name be changed once more—this time to "Photographic Society", but this was out-voted and so it remained the "Photographic Circle". The "Circle" consisted of an erratic half-dozen members who met very infrequently—if at all! When the secretary resigned and I took over, it was decided to reorganise the "Circle", to meet every week and to change the name back to the "Camera Club". The financial side was also in need of reorganisation, so a new system was devised which resulted in last year's total subscriptions being collected within a term!

As far as possible lectures are provided for beginners and more advanced members on alternate Thursdays. P. B. Wright and M. J. Soldan have spoken to beginners on "Contact Printing" and "Development by Tank", respectively. P. D. Lewis provided an interesting talk on his experiences in copying and experiments with various developers. Mr. T. Ricci aroused much interest with his talk on "Colour Photography".

The vice-secretary, H. J. Godfrey, has helped considerably by attending to the use of the Club's enlarger and has given a talk to the Club about its use.

We are very grateful to our President, Mr. A. P. Rouse, for his support at most of the meetings which were usually attended by over two dozen members. We are also grateful to him for his advice and the time he has given to help members using the enlarger after school, for which he stays late one night each week.

C. M. CUMMINS, *Hon. Sec.*

Canoe Club

The various activities mentioned in this summary of the year's programme can be found in more detail in the past two editions of *The Skylark*. The Winter and early Spring were concerned with indoor meetings which included talks, demonstrations and films of the salient facts about canoeing. At Easter the Club organised a weekend on the Thames during which ten members were instructed in basic technique by Mr. Dudderidge. Others of the more experienced members attended either the Easter meet organised by the British Canoe Union, held on the Rivers Dove and Trent, or the Club organised seven-day run down the Great Ouse.

During the Summer holidays, a week-long cruise on the Wye was held, which some members preceded by a five day trip on the derelict but beautifully situated Brecon Canal, in South Wales.

I should like to offer the Club's sincere gratitude and assured appreciation to the Chairman, Mr. Dudderidge, whose continuous hard-work and inspiration on our behalf has seen the Club through a most successful year.

M. M. R. FREEMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

At the end of the School year the club lost a number of its leading members, including Freeman who by his enthusiasm had brought the club into such a strong position. So far as numbers alone are concerned, the loss has been made good by the new members, and an interesting programme has been planned for the coming season.

The Summer Cruise on the River Wye, reported elsewhere, was a great success, being blessed by fair weather and good water conditions. This term the club has seen a new French film dealing with wildwater canoeing on the Haute Vézère, and a film of Eskimos and their kayaks in Greenland. This film had special interest from the shots of the late Geno Watkins and his companions learning to handle kayaks on the River Cam prior to setting out for Greenland. It has been decided to repeat last year's beginners' cruise on the Thames at Easter and allow the more experienced to attend the Canoe Union Easter Meet on the Wye. In the summer holidays there will be a cruise down the Severn lasting about one week.

J.W.D.

COMING DOWN THE WYE: AUGUST, 1953

This year's Summer Cruise took us on quite an extended tour of the West Country and Wales by canal and river, some 140 miles in all.

Our starting point on Monday, 24th August, was Pontypool, our aim being to paddle up the Newport and Brecon Canal as far as Brecon, a distance of 33 miles, in three days. At this stage the party consisted of Freeman, Spencer and O'Brien, who, having brought their boats and themselves a considerable distance by road and rail, found that all the locality had to offer was a narrow derelict strip of water overgrown with weeds and some uninspiring scenery. We were not unduly depressed by the dismal prospect, and as we progressed the weeds became thinner and the scenery more beautiful. Various people were good enough to put us up each night—our sleeping quarters included a farm outhouse, a boat house and a Dutch barn. We passed through a number of interesting villages where we were the object of much curiosity, and in due course we arrived at a group of locks which required portaging. Towards the end of the canal section we had become rather tired of the slow progress and were looking forward to something more exciting on the Wye.

After passing under no less than one hundred bridges we finally arrived at Brecon on the Thursday night. The following morning we made a long portage by rail from the valley of the Usk to the

Wye valley at Glasbury, and our canoes were sent on to a point seven miles further up the Wye above a stretch of well known rapids. We made headquarters at a local Scout Hut by Glasbury Bridge and on Saturday paddled our empty canoes down the hazardous stretch of water swollen by recent heavy rain. By Sunday the party had increased to five by the arrival of Reilly and his companion, and the real start downriver was commenced. At Whitney we met Mr. Dudderidge and his party assembling canoes on the bank below the Boat Inn, and by the end of the day the full party of one dozen had covered eighteen miles and set up camp at Bredwardine. The rest of the week offered very good weather and an enjoyable run down to Chepstow, passing through Hereford, Ross, and Monmouth. Mr. Dudderidge found excellent camp sites, and at Monmouth we camped in the pavilion of the Haberdashers' School by the invitation of the Headmaster. Camp fires helped to warm us each evening, and on one occasion an attempt was made to roast a rabbit on a spit over the open fire, with uncertain success. With time to spare our last camp was established opposite Tintern Abbey, and on the early morning tide we ran down the beautiful reach to Chepstow where we landed on a very muddy slipway to pack up and make our various ways back to London. It was a very enjoyable trip and a pity that more members of the club had not been able to join in.

Chess Club

During the Autumn Term we had two simultaneous displays. Both consisted of nineteen games and we lost fourteen boards in each.

Against Mr. J. A. Fuller wins were scored by Farrand and Wheal, and draws by O'Brien, Fuller and Ridge. Farrand, Fisk, Hall and Neal won against Mr. R. G. Wade, while Lipton drew. Mr. Wade, British champion for 1951, said that no other London school would have been likely to achieve such a result, with the possible exception of William Ellis.

MATCH RESULTS

These may be summarised as follows :

In the first round of the National Club Championship, played at the Langham Hotel, we beat the B.B.C. by 4-2.

Lipton came second in the London Boys' Championship. J. T. Farrand played in the England junior team which beat Scotland, Ireland and Wales, scoring $2\frac{1}{2}$ points in his three games. He has also won the British Junior Postal Chess Championship and tied with Hall for the Middlesex Junior Championship. E. J. O'Brien was third in this event, which the School has now won for four years in succession (1950—Risby, 1951 and 1952 Farrand. I should like to congratulate all concerned on these excellent results, and in conclusion to thank the Headmaster, Mr. Cooper, Miss Savill, Mr. and Mrs. Searle and all the kitchen staff for their unfailing help and co-operation.

A.W.G.

Christian Union

Our real aim in the Christian Union is to gain a deeper knowledge of Christ, offering to an increasing number of boys the opportunity of such knowledge. Larger attendances at meetings do not always lead to a wider response to the Christian faith—but we believe that this twofold advance is now being made. We present this report on the year's work as an invitation and a challenge, hoping in future to dispel more effectively any complacency of our own and the apathy of others.

During the Spring Term weekly meetings and prayer sessions continued as usual, and a much steadier interest than before was shown in the Union's activities. Several outside speakers gave talks: general subjects such as "Prejudice" and "Ambition" were welcomed; and meetings with a scientific bias—notably that on "Christianity, Science or Both?"—were well supported.

The main feature of the term was an evangelical campaign—the result of four months' preparation—to present the fundamentals of the Gospel. Four meetings were held after school, run entirely by members of the Union (although a few masters were invited and gave valuable assistance at the last two meetings). This campaign was of great value: it strengthened the Union internally, by co-ordinating the witness of individual members; it was well attended, and started many people talking; and the outcome was that some boys came to consider the claims of Christianity seriously for the first time. We hope that unseen results were far greater.

Two other special occasions deserve mention. On March 10th over 70 people, including a party from the Haberdashers' Girls' School at Acton, met for our Society tea: there was a valuable interchange of ideas, and Lt.-Gen. Dobbie addressed the gathering. And on Sunday, March 29th, we experienced deep fellowship when several Christians attended evening worship together at Edgware Parish Church.

We decided to go against precedent by maintaining a full series of meetings throughout the difficult Summer Term; and the good attendances early and late in the term more than compensated for the wild fluctuations of the examination period.

We enjoyed great variety in speakers and subjects at Monday meetings: for instance, a minister spoke on "Stewardship"; a doctor dealt with "Science and the Bible"; a master discussed "Faith and Reason".

The prayer sessions were disappointing so far as numbers were concerned, though they proved of much help to those who did come. Embarrassment may have kept several boys away.

At the beginning of this term we issued many copies of a general invitation which opened with the words: "The Christian Union is not a collection of cranks arguing in a corner"—and the present large attendances and renewed interest seem to justify the statement.

During the first half of the term a headmaster, and later a minister, spoke on basic aspects of belief; many boys attended a film and discussion on "Gambling"; a doctor enlarged on certain terms in the Christian dictionary, in answer to the blunt question "What are we talking about?"; and a small team of boys led discussion on several significant topics at an informative "Question Time". By the time this report is printed we expect to have heard talks by several ministers—one will discuss "The Christian in Business", another will speak about "Modern Hebrew-Christianity". We shall have held a "public inquiry", to interest sceptics, into the question "Is Jesus Christ more than a man?" A colour film on missionary work in the Congo will be shown; and we hope to record a very unusual Nativity play and relay it at the final meeting of the term.

Moreover, we have embarked on another series of campaign meetings with a film and talks by masters and boys. There is a constant need for such witness, to "put the case" to boys who—to quote our invitation again—"have previously . . . spurned, ignored or laughed at religious belief." This new series was prefaced by a return visit to Acton Haberdashers, where we were warmly received and had a very interesting time.

We must always look forward rather than back. Over half the boys of the main School could come along if they wished to, but only 20 per cent. of these boys have attended meetings—some only occasionally, others regularly. There must be further advance. But we shall remember that the fulfilment of our work in the Union for Christ is honest effort; and ultimately, as a previous secretary wrote nearly five years ago, the success of a Society like ours "is not primarily determined by numerical strength but by the faithful witness of those who support its activities."

M. J. PRINGLE.
R. E. JEFFORD.

Christmas Islanders

The Society, formed early this year for the study of literature and allied matters, is now firmly established. Four meetings were held during the Spring and early Summer Terms, ranging in approach and tone from a symposium of readings on "School Life" to a paper by M. J. Keen on "The Arts and Science." It was decided to plan a series of papers for the Autumn Term all related to a single theme, the subject chosen being "Modern Literature."

The first meeting of the Term, on October 8th, was well attended, the topic being "modern novels." G. B. Binding, who presided, suggested, in introducing the three speakers for the evening, that we consider both the general qualities of a great novel, and any characteristics common to modern novelists.

Mr. H. L. B. Moody spoke about E. M. Forster's "A Passage to India"; Mr. W. A. Nicholas discussed William Faulkner's "The Sound and Fury"; and, finally, Mr. J. G. White dealt with Graham Greene, making particular reference to "The Power and the Glory." A brief but informative discussion ensued.

The subject for the meeting on October 29th, was "Modern Poetry"; M. Lipton presented his thoughts on the matter in a cogent and detailed way, and a lively discussion followed. Although several criticisms were made, the chairman (Mr. Moody) justly observed that Mr. Lipton's paper had proved of great value.

Later in the term, "Modern Poetic Drama" was to be considered, R. E. Jefford having agreed to read a paper on this topic, and there was to be a "members' night" on which original work of any artistic or critical nature could be presented and discussed.

An "outside visit" was also arranged, and on October 22nd, about twenty members of the Society went to see a production of T. S. Eliot's latest verse play "The Confidential Clerk," a farce with serious undertones. It is hoped to arrange more theatre visits in the future.

We anticipate that the Society, now supported by adequate publicity and a steady interest on the part of masters and senior boys, will grow steadily, have a wide appeal and prove of benefit to all who attend the meetings.

R. E. JEFFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

Dramatic Society

As is the custom of the Society we made our annual presentation at the end of the Christmas Term, rehearsals having started ten weeks before. This year Shakespeare's "The Tempest" was given in the School Hall under the joint production of Messrs. Moody and Nicholas.

The question may well be asked "What, Shakespeare again?", since this is the fourth Shakespearian drama that the Society has presented since the War.

However, Shakespeare has been shown in four different moods and he is one of the few writers whose works can be easily adapted for School productions. Apart from a fair standard of acting they depend on a simple stage and a minimum of extravagance in settings. It was for these reasons, perhaps, that "The Tempest" was chosen for this year's presentation and we hope that the structural improvements to the stage have played their part in its success.

L. G. BEDDISON, *Hon. Sec.*

Jazz Club

This term the Jazz Club was re-founded and has been quick to find its feet. Many record-playing meetings have been held

with a regularly high attendance and the members of the Club have formed a record-lending library between themselves. Thanks are due to Messrs. Hedges, Cohen, P. S., Genis, Claff and Wood for presenting interesting programmes and to Mr. Moody for the generous use of his room for our meetings.

L. B. JOSEPH, *Hon. Sec.*

Motor Enthusiasts' Club

There are few clubs in the School which can claim to have more than a dozen regular members—but we can! We have about thirty members, most of whom attend all meetings. How do we do it? Our subscription is only 3d. per term, and yet we have Lectures, Film Shows and Outings regularly. The secret lies in our successful use of the "Henry Ford Principle" of making the price low so that more will buy, thus having increased profits. In our case we just cover costs, leaving no profits.

Our first outing this term was on Saturday, 10th October to The Cooper Car Co. Ltd.'s works in Surbiton. It proved very successful. Many members sat in Stirling Moss' Formula III car and studied its construction. Interest was also taken in the Record Breaking Cooper "500" and a Cooper-Bristol Mk. II which had just come in, to be cleaned for the Motor Show. Tony Vander-vall's car, for next year, was seen in the body building section. Samples of the various kinds of metal used in the cars were obtained as souvenirs.

At Half Term a dozen boys visited the service department of Godfrey Davis Ltd., Ford Main Dealers, at Neasden. Here modern methods of servicing cars were studied and discussed during a guided tour of the works.

We are grateful to our treasurer, P. J. Jarritt, for administering the finances of the club, and to C. M. Cummins for arranging our visits and attending to publicity. We also thank A. M. Barrōw, who obtains our films from Shell-Mex B.P. Ltd., and A. Kaulins, who kindly operates the projector.

Acknowledgements are also due to three members of the staff—to Mr. V. C. Osborn, our President, for his help; to Mr. A. P. Rouse for his interesting and simple explanations of technical subjects, and last, but not least, to Mr. R. Keevil for his talk on his recently acquired treasure—a 1927 Lagonda "Twelve."

Much interest was taken in the S.M.M. & T. 38th International Motor Show at Earls Court during October, particular interest being taken in the technical side of the new models, and the development of the "Price War."

We look forward to our future activities and welcome new members.

Music Society

For the past term the Society has been mainly concerned with listening to performances of various works by well known composers on gramophone records.

One visit, however, was made to Sadlers Wells by a few members of the Society. At half term we were unfortunate in losing the valuable services of A. L. Barton who had successfully organised the Society's outings in the past. We wish him the very best for the future. Steps are being taken to arrange a tea and concert next term with Acton Girls School and it is also hoped that visits to the Festival Hall, the Royal Albert Hall and Sadlers Wells can be made.

My thanks are due to Mr. Moody for kindly allowing us to use Room 24 for our meetings and to D. McLaren, our Hon. Assistant Secretary, who has done much hard work for the Society.

M. A. LINCOLN. *Hon. Sec.*

PROGRAMME OF CONCERT
by the
COMBINED MUSIC SOCIETIES
of
THE HABERDASHERS' ASKE'S
ACTON AND HAMPSTEAD SCHOOLS
in
the School Hall
on
Monday, 20th July at 5.0 p.m.

1. PIANO DUET
Slavonic Dance, Op. 72, No. 8 in G minor *Dvorák*
BECK and M. SARNER
2. VOCAL DUET
Slumb'ring deep in the ocean lies *Brahms*
ANNETTE ARMITAGE and ELIZABETH ASH
3. PIANO SOLO
Fairy Tale in F minor *Medtner*
ANNE PAULIN
4. MADRIGALS
(a) Come again, sweet days (4 part) *John Dowland*
(b) I joy not in no earthly bliss (5 part) *William Byrd*

<i>Trebles:</i>	<i>Altos:</i>	<i>Tenors:</i>
D. P. Gilby	R. B. Cann	E. J. O'Brien
I. D. Schofield	J. Gleeson	B. G. L. Mansbridge
I. D. Keen	J. A. Darby	<i>Basses:</i>
D. J. Saville	A. C. Langmead	M. Sarnier
		M. J. Pringle

HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

5. ORGAN SOLO
Fugue in D minor, "The Giant"
ANN WATT *J. S. Bach*
6. PIANO SOLO
April
J. ROUTLEY *John Ireland*
7. VOCAL SOLO
I attempt from love's sickness to fly
JOAN STRETTON *Purcell*
8. PIANO SOLO
Study in G
AUDREY BUNGARD *Dunhill*
9. VIOLIN AND PIANO
Romance in F
ROBIN HAYES and ANNE PAULIN *Beethoven*
10. CHOIR OF ACTON SCHOOL
Wraggle, Taggle Gypsies
arr. Woodgate
11. VOCAL DUET
Evening Prayer from Hansel and Gretel
JILL LOCKYER and ELIZABETH ROGERS *Humperdinck*
12. PIANO SOLO
Allegro Molto from "Carnival Jest from Vienna"
E. J. O'BRIEN *Schumann*
13. MADRIGALS
(a) Fine knacks for ladies (4 part)
(b) Matona, lovely maiden (4 part)
HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL *John Dowland*
Orlando Lassus
14. PIANO
Consolation in E
MARGARET APPLEWHITE *Liszt*
15. VOCAL SOLO
Sweet Chance
YVONNE D'ARCY *Michael Head*
16. PART SONGS
(a) Celtic Lullaby
(b) Sweet Kate
MIDDLE V GROUP—ACTON SCHOOL *arr. Robertson*
Robert Jones
17. ACCORDION SOLOS
(a) Dance of the Hours
(b) Spanish Gipsy Dance
R. B. LYLE *Poncielli arr. Conway Graves*
arr. Gerald Crossman
18. PIANO SOLO
Sonata in E. minor, Op. 7, 1st Movt. Allegro
M. SARNER *Grieg*
19. CHOIR OF HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL
(a) Thou wilt keep him
(Sung at the Coronation) *S. S. Wesley*
(b) O Come, ye servants of the Lord
(Sung at St. Paul's at the service of preparation for the Coronation
on Sunday, 31st May) *Christopher Tye*
(c) England *C. H. H. Parry*

ACTON and HAMPSTEAD
COMBINED CHOIRS

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Science Society

The Science Society has held three meetings so far this term, all of which have been well attended. Mr. T. H. Savory gave an entertaining and instructive talk on "What it is like to Specialise," relating the attendant advantages and disadvantages, with special reference to arachnology. Mr. R. T. M. Haines, from Crookes' Laboratories, spoke on "Surface Tension," and showed a film on Emulsions. The subject of the most recent talk was "The Scientific Story of Wool". The lecturer showed that such a commonplace material as wool is in fact endowed with unique physical and chemical properties.

The main item on next term's agenda is the Social, which will be held on January 19th.

I should like to thank N. R. Read for his work as treasurer during the term, and our Chairman, Dr. J. H. White, for his enthusiastic and far-sighted planning of the Society's programme for this term and next.

M. A. BENNETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Sociological Society

The Society continues to receive the support of a large cross-section of the Upper School. Early in the Autumn Term, M. A. Phillips was elected Chairman, with C. J. Hingley as Secretary and M. J. Bragg as Treasurer; Mr. Campbell continued in office as President. A number of short lunch-hour meetings proved very popular, especially the talks given by Mr. T. Ricci in "Middle Class Social Life and Education in America" and by Dr. Brose, a German Headmaster, on a similar topic with reference to Western Germany.

At half-term a small party of members, with Mr. Campbell, visited The Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd. at North Woolwich and spent a day investigating the mysteries of cables and radio transmission gear. They were entertained to lunch and tea by the Company whose representatives went to much trouble to make the visit as instructive and interesting as possible.

Visits to other places of interest are being planned for the Spring Term and Easter holidays, and suggestions for suitable half-day or full-day excursions will be welcomed by The Secretary.

The Society is affiliated to The Franco-British Society; as a result several members were invited to a very pleasant social organised by the Lyceé Français in South Kensington on December 5th. The Society also represents the School with the London District Council of C.E.W.C. and with the North-West London Inter-Schools Discussion Group, which is run under the auspices of C.E.W.C. In this latter connection The Society will organise an inter-schools Social on Thursday, January 28th. The fine, new U.N.E.S.C.O. film "World Without End," illustrating the

work of the United Nations through U.N.E.S.C.O. and U.N.I.C.E.F. in Mexico and Siam, will be shown during the evening. It is hoped that as many members of the Society as possible will attend other meetings to be arranged by The N.W. London Inter-Schools Discussion Group in the Spring and Summer Terms, at various schools in the Group, of which the Society's Chairman, M. A. Phillips, is one of the joint Honorary Secretaries.

Careers

During the Summer and Autumn Terms lunch-time film shows have continued, with the aim not so much of showing prospects in particular careers, as of conveying the atmosphere of the world of work. Films shown have dealt with Constructional and Electrical Engineering, Building, Transport, Coal-mining and the Gas and Soap Industries.

Of the 60 boys who left at the end of the Summer Term 15 have gone or intend to go to Universities, and most of the others into commerce or industry, either before or after National Service. The Public Schools Appointments Bureau placed a number of these boys, and also a number of Old Haberdashers returning from National Service.

During the holiday two boys attended short works courses at an aircraft factory, while one went on a short course with the National Coal Board. Both these courses were arranged by the P.S.A.B.

The new Careers Room, opposite Room 36, offers much better facilities than formerly existed for dealing with careers work. Boys who wish to discuss careers problems should see me to arrange an appointment.

J. Mc.N.

SHORT WORKS COURSE—

MARTIN BAKER AIRCRAFT COMPANY

In the Summer Term, after a lecture given by the Southern Secretary of the Public Schools Appointments Bureau, we were informed by Mr. McNair, the School's Careers Master, that the Bureau would be able to find vacancies in certain factories for a short period during which boys could have a practical insight into the world of industry.

Hingley and myself, realising what a fine opportunity this was, applied almost immediately, and, after a little form-filling and letter-writing, were accommodated at the Martin Baker Aircraft Company in Higher Denham for the last fortnight of the summer holidays. This Company specialises in making the patent ejector seat for the Royal Air Force.

When at last the day arrived for us to start, we made sure of being there in good time (a state of affairs that I am glad to say lasted the entire course). We reported as instructed to the Works

Manager, who immediately handed us over to the foreman of the sheet metal shop where we were posted to a bench to work for the next fortnight. We met two other boys on a similar course, but we saw little of them because they were sent to a different part of the factory.

We soon settled down to our work, which consisted mainly of riveting pre-shaped metal components together to form the actual frame of the seat. The work seemed so simple at first that we were surprised men could stand such work year after year. However, we were soon disillusioned when the workshop inspector examined our handiwork. He found so many faults in it that we seemed to have most of it rejected or politely thrown back in our faces for alteration or repair. So the second week we took several people's advice and joined the "go slow" procedure with the rest of the factory. This at least ensured the much needed quality of workmanship but certainly not quantity. It is not surprising, therefore, that each seat was worth nearly a thousand pounds!

The second week we became a little bored with the monotonous work and when the foreman wasn't looking we crept off to seek new interests. Our main interest lay in the laboratory connected with the electro-plating department, where we could see much of the chemistry and physics previously learned at school actually put into practice. For example we saw titration being carried out to analyse the concentration of chemical solutions in the electro-plating tanks.

During the second week we were privileged to be shot up a test ramp 60 ft. high, upon which R.A.F. pilots are trained to use the ejector seat. In spite of the huge bang made by the firing gun and the enormous speed at which the seat moved against gravity, the whole trip was surprisingly lacking in sensation of any kind. The only thrill was the apprehension endured beforehand and I think we were looked upon as heroes from that time onwards. The second week was undoubtedly much brighter than the first. We gained much practical experience, and Hingley and I are very grateful to Mr. McNair and the P.S.A.B. for arranging the course.

D. J. FAWCETT.

Visit to the Warwickshire Coalfield

Our visit to the Warwickshire Coalfield lasted from 7th-11th September. It was organised by the National Coal Board in conjunction with the Public Schools Appointments Bureau. There were 16 representatives from 9 different schools. Upon arrival we were addressed by the Area General Manager and given an explanation of the Coalfield by the Planning Engineer and Area Surveyor. During our stay we visited the coal faces of three different Collieries, Coventry, Wood End and Kingsbury Dexter. At Coventry we were able to inspect the surface plant and park as well as the coal face, which is worked towards the shaft. At Wood End we had an

opportunity to see trainee miners being instructed and at Kingsbury Dexter Colliery we visited a face equipped with a stripper and mechanical stower.

The most noticeable feature was the high degree of mechanization in the pits we visited. Each possessed a vast railway network and two even had their own miniature "underground railway".

It is quite common in this coalfield to have underground fires and at one colliery, Newdigate, one has been burning continuously for several years although it presents no danger.

We visited the Haunchwood Rescue Stations which maintains a 24 hour service all the year round and tried on some of the equipment.

Our final visit was to the Area Laboratory. Here we were told of the constant checks used to ensure the health and safety of the miners, and the steps taken to ensure the quality of the coal reaching the consumers.

There are great opportunities in the mining industries and we feel sure that a visit of this nature would be very useful to anyone contemplating mining as a career.

I. S. F. HUNTER, *Vib.Sci.*

School Library

The Autumn Term has been a very busy period, chiefly because the Science Library has been closed and certain of the books transferred to the School Library. This has entailed a considerable amount of re-organisation and cataloguing, and has kept us fully occupied during the term.

The usual stocktaking has shown that certain members of the School still feel a reluctance to borrow books officially and inform the librarians that they have done so. This causes added confusion to the already overworked librarians. We should also welcome a little more co-operation from the School in making the library, at all times, a place of study rather than a club. Even so, there has been an improvement in administration of the library, largely owing to the good work, hitherto unrecorded, put in by my predecessor, Crossick, last term.

My thanks are also due to Mr. Sanderson and to all my assistants, most of whom have worked extremely conscientiously. We gratefully acknowledge gifts from the following:—M. J. Barratt, M. M. R. Freeman, D. J. Leverton, D. J. Maconachie, J. M. Newton, J. N. Vowler, also from Mr. H. Shirley Smith, O.B.E. (O.H.), who has generously presented us with a copy of his new book "The World's Great Bridges."

We would also like to offer our thanks for the presentation of books from the library of the late Mr. Loudoun (O.H.).

M. F. NEALE, *Librarian.*

Danish Holiday

Towards the end of August our party of forty Upper and Lower School boys and two masters set out from Harwich in the M/S *Kronprinsesse Ingrid* for Esbjerg. Half-way across Denmark at Odense we were joined by I. D. Scofield, the L.S. captain, who had preceded us, and whose record of his experiences appears below. Our destination was Elsinore, to the north of Copenhagen, where we were given a warm welcome at the International People's College. This College was founded in 1921 by Mr. Peter Manniche, following the cultural tradition of the Danish Folk High Schools based on the ideas of Bishop Grundtvig, with the aim of promoting international fellowship and democracy. Since then, people of many nations have lived and studied together there ; and we, the youngest group they have had hitherto, cannot speak too highly of the kindness shown to us by Mr. Manniche, Mr. Lennings, and all the members of their staff. This kindness prompted enthusiastic response by some of our members in assisting with the dining room chores. Food was excellent, fairly typically Danish, and—to most of us—attractive. It was characteristic that, after a good evening meal, biscuits and large jugs of milk were left on a table in the dining room for anyone who wished to come and help himself before going to bed.

Our stay was fully occupied ; with excursions in and around Elsinore, to Copenhagen, twice into Sweden ; with some free time, always welcome, for boys to go about independently in small groups, exercising their ingenuity where language difficulties arose ; and with recreation in and around the College. Altogether we managed to see a good deal of Danish life and ways. On our last night we had the pleasure of a short talk from Mr. Manniche.

I am happy to express my warm thanks to Mr. Keevil, a 'good companion' in every way, for all his help and support ; and to the seniors who acted as group leaders. In view of strictures which have appeared recently in the Press on the conduct of certain British juvenile parties abroad, I would like to pay a tribute to the good sense and good behaviour of this party, and of those which have preceded it in recent years. Boys are accepted in these parties on the understanding that they carry out loyally the instructions of those in charge, the programmes are arranged with the needs and interests of the boys in view, and reasonable freedom is allowed so that they may use their own initiative subject to the general responsibility for the safety and health of the party and the good name of our people abroad.

With the Headmaster's support, arrangements are well in hand for the 1954 party, which will stay at an excellent centre in Switzerland during the second half of August—following requests that we should go back to the mountains this year.

J.F.C.

By starting on my Danish holiday two weeks before the School party, I had a great advantage in that I could study the Danish people for a much longer time than any of my friends.

I must confess, however, that I felt far from fortunate as I stood on the ship's deck watching England disappear below the horizon. My head reeled with repeated warnings about lost passports, customs officials, etc., and with so many people around me speaking different languages, I was not feeling particularly happy. Luckily I met Mr. Campbell, who was on the same boat, and he was able to pass on a lot of very useful information which enabled me to arrive in Denmark with a store of knowledge already to my credit.

My first impression as the ship docked at Esbjerg Quay was that Esbjerg looked very similar to many English towns. This idea was soon shaken by the sight and sound of a steam engine ringing a bell as it passed across the street in front of me. The shops, however, were very much the same as English shops, except that there were also several hot dog and ice cream stands in the middle of the street.

The train which eventually took me on my journey to Odense was, as most Danish trains are, diesel driven. Some of the coaches were not divided into compartments and the seats were much less comfortable than on English trains. To cross the stretch of sea from Jutland to the part of Denmark known as Fyn, we had to pass over the Little Belt Bridge. This bridge is three quarters of a mile long and typical of the many bridges they have had to build to connect up this land of islands. On arrival at Odense I found the station very modern, but its outside looked more like a large country house than a station.

From there I travelled in a country train to Svendborg which has a very fine harbour. The train was very small and the coaches were filled with fat women smoking large cigars. Cigars in Denmark are very cheap, so everybody can afford to smoke them—and as for the fat women, too much good Danish butter and cheese are responsible for them!

On my arrival at Svendborg, I walked around the harbour and was surprised to see a number of square rigged sailing boats, having as many as four or five masts. I believe Denmark is one of the few countries which still regularly uses these ships. One of the finest was the training ship *Danmark*, which had recently been to England in the course of its voyage round the world.

The house where I was to stay was about three quarters of an hour's ferry ride from Svendborg on a small island about the size of Guernsey. This house was over a hundred and fifty years old, but this is not unusual as the majority of the Danish houses are very old.

My first real Danish meal was quite an adventure. It was called Smørrebrød. Bread was supplied, together with a large plate of delicacies consisting of an enormous variety of savoury tit-bits (most of them over-spiced!), from which we made our own sandwiches. I did not like these savouries very much, but managed to keep up my strength by eating the delicious butter Danish-style—about a quarter of an inch thick on the bread! To drink I had very strong, almost black, coffee. The next morning at breakfast I was surprised to see my host eating a plate of raw porridge oats, soaked in milk. He told me it was a recognised Danish breakfast, so I tried it myself and found it pleasant and very filling.

While I was in Svendborg the town was celebrating its 700 years jubilee and I was taken to join in the festivities. First of all I walked to what the Danes call a Stadeium. This was a wonderful natural arena, with the centre part about twice the size of a rugger pitch. The sides were made up of a steep grass bank about 150 ft. high, on which people sat or stood. The whole thing resembled an enormous washing-up bowl. A procession marched round the arena and then through the streets of the town, headed by an historic pageant of one of the early Danish kings. A number of men followed wearing bowler hats and carrying flaming torches. (In fact every man and woman of Svendborg was wearing a bowler hat that day as a symbol of citizenship!). Finally, much to my surprise, came a band of the Scots Guards playing bagpipes. The festivities centred on the town Square, where an ox was roasted and fireworks were let off. Then there was dancing, but as it was past midnight we took a ferry home. The next morning I was lucky enough to see the Danish King and Queen at close quarters as they stepped ashore from their yacht *Daneborg*, in which they were touring Danish ports.

It was a long and complicated journey by various trains and ferries to Falster, where I stayed next, with relatives, at a Danish proestergarden, or vicarage. As the following day was Sunday I went to church. The one I went to was a typical country church, being very small with seating for only forty people. The walls were whitewashed and the altar very simple by our standards. Surprisingly the prayers were said sitting down—in fact the congregation sat throughout the service.

The Danes are great party-givers, and I was invited to several. One was a birthday party and I soon discovered that the boy whose birthday was being celebrated had been dead for four years! At Danish parties you have to shake hands with everybody present both when you arrive and when you leave—a formidable task, as the parties are often attended by fifty to a hundred people!

As I was staying in the country, where few people can speak English, I found it necessary to learn a little Danish. I had already picked up a few phrases, such as "*tak for mad*" which means

"Thank you for the meal." This must be said to your hostess after every single meal without fail! Much of the language I found very difficult to pronounce and some words, I was told are almost impossible for an Englishman to pronounce.

During my stay in Falster I saw a lot of the countryside, and on one occasion I travelled over the Great Stream Bridge, which is three kilometres long and one of the longest bridges in Europe. Then, after a fortnight in Falster, I went back to Odense, where I was to stay for a very short time on a fruit farm. When I was not eating fruit, I was exploring the beautiful woods nearby. The trees were mainly tall slender firs, growing so close to one another that the woods were very dark and gloomy, while the ground was covered with a soft carpet of moss and leaves.

On August 26th, after a short visit to the Hans Anderson Museum, I joined the School party. I was surprised to find that the Luton Girls' Choir was travelling with them in the same train and had, in fact, been travelling from England on the same ship as the School party. We parted with the Choir at Copenhagen, where waiting press photographers seemed delighted to see them! As our train on to Elsinore was not due to leave for an hour, we made a very short tour around the parts of Copenhagen in the vicinity of the station, passing the brightly lit Tivoli Gardens, which we were to visit later.

After a further hour's journey, we arrived at Elsinore, piled into taxis and drove in style up to the International People's College where we were to stay. The College had almost every facility we could wish for. It had a gym, a library, a lecture hall, two pianos, and extensive grounds with an abundant supply of apple trees.

As we were in a country famous for its castles, it was natural that we should visit as many as we could. The best known of all, Kronborg, or Hamlet's Castle, was the first one we visited. This castle is a magnificent building and stands on the sea shore, but it did not bear the slightest resemblance to the castle we imagined Hamlet to have lived in. We were impressed, however, with the two-hundred foot long Knights' Hall and the fine maze of dungeons. When we returned to the College we were surprised and delighted to find the Luton Girls' Choir waiting to give us a concert!

We made two trips to Sweden, the coast of which was visible from Elsinore harbour. On the first occasion, having taken the inevitable ferry to Hälsingborg, we drove to the small village of Mölle. From there we walked along a rocky shore which reminded us of Cornwall and it was certainly a contrast to the flat, rather uninteresting beaches of Denmark. Some more adventurous members of our party bathed at a beautiful but pebbly little cove.

The following day we made a trip to Copenhagen by coach. We went first to the Grundvig's Church on the outskirts, which is built almost entirely of five million bricks. Afterwards we visited

the Citadel and the Christiansborg Palace, seat of the Rigsdag or Danish Parliament. This is very grand with a fine array of tapestries, and we were amused by the felt slippers we had to put over our shoes to protect the fine oak floors. We then went on a boat trip round Copenhagen Harbour, where I saw the *Danmark* Training Ship for the second time, also the Royal yacht *Danborg*. Finally, we finished the day with a few wild hours at the Tivoli, which is similar to the pleasure gardens we had at Battersea, but over a hundred years old; we enjoyed the midnight drive home in full moonlight along the coast road, with the lights of Sweden twinkling across the water.

On our second trip to Sweden we visited Lund and went over the Cathedral. This Cathedral is famous for its clock, which must be the most interesting and intricate in the world. It tells the date, time and course of the sun and moon for the next hundred years. It is surmounted by two horsemen in armour who strike the twelfth hour with swords, then two trumpeters play "In Dulci Jubilo" and the three Kings of the East bring greetings to the Madonna. From Lund, after an enormous meal of Smörrebröd, we went to Malmö and ferried back to Denmark via Copenhagen.

The next day was our last and most of us went to the town to buy presents. The favourite purchases were Danish butter and cheese, which we all liked so much. In the afternoon we paid a short visit to Frederiksborg Castle, which is built on three islands in the middle of a lake and is now used as a museum.

Homeward bound the following day, we learnt what a really rough passage can be like. None of us ate much, and what we did eat we soon parted with. We were glad eventually to set foot on Parkeston Quay in brilliant sunshine.

Our thanks are certainly due to Mr. Cooper and Mr. Keevil for all the work they did in the "back room" to make the trip such a success.

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Return to Greece

One evening in February my father announced that we would be going to Greece for the summer holidays. From then onward the months passed very slowly, and at last the great day came when we set off from Victoria Station at 1.30 in the afternoon on the 17th of July. We reached Folkestone at 3.15 p.m. where we caught the boat which would take us to Calais. From there we got on to a French Express which took us through the north of France, then through Switzerland. Having arrived at Milan in northern Italy, we changed trains and journeyed on to Brindisi, in the heel of Italy; at this once thriving port we boarded a Greek ship bound for Piraeus, the main harbour of Greece and a half-hour's

ride from Athens. On the way to Greece we came to an Island which has been very much in the news lately; it was one of the Islands on which the earthquakes occurred, the name of it is Cephalonia. When we were just going into the harbour our ship grounded on a hidden sand bank; we were delayed for 24 hours. When we reached Piraeus we had to change ships because the one we had come from Brindisi in had to have a check over, in case of any damage to the hull. We then continued our journey to the Dodecanese, one of them with the name of Kalymnos being our destination. We arrived there at about nine in the morning and as the harbour was not deep enough to take a ship of our draught, we anchored outside. A launch came alongside us, we boarded it with our luggage and set off for the last lap of our journey to the Island.

Most of our relatives were there to greet us. After a few hours rest we started to unpack. I quickly found my shot gun and off I went to see what I could bag, but as my eyes were not yet accustomed to spotting the birds, I only managed to kill one Triwoni, a large pheasant-like bird found on the islands, and a few smaller birds with my catapult. Most boys at home use the latter weapon which they make from olive wood and old motor tyres. There is a tremendous variety of fruit to be eaten, such as figs, grapes, melons, water melons, prickly pears, pears, oranges and other fruits of which I do not know the English names and which are not found in England. I made the most of these on arrival.

Life at home is very different from that of London; naturally there are no busy streets and bright lights of a city or any theatres, although there is a small cinema which is in use during the winter. But besides beautiful weather, there are miles of hunting ground, a calm sea to bathe in, and an open air dance held every Sunday evening or on festive occasions.

Sleeping in the afternoon is a most essential thing, for it is too hot to do anything else, and most people spend the very early evening in hunting or shopping in the town. After supper almost everybody goes for a walk along the beach. The holiday passed very quickly with under-water fishing in the mornings—with the apparatus my father had bought me in Rome—consisting of an under-water gun, a pair of flippers, and a large face mask made of rubber (except for a glass visor). Attached to the mask was a tube which supplied air.

We also made many excursions to the few small Islands near ours. On most of these picnic days my father would fish from the motor launch as it sped on its way, and was fortunate in catching some very large fish. Towards the end of the holiday we moved from our house by the sea to our house in town where we started packing for our departure to London in a week's time.

One day I was walking along the promenade by the harbour with my father and uncle when we saw a beautiful yacht which

had not been there before, at anchor just inside the harbour; it was flying the red ensign. My father told us that it was the yacht which was touring Mr. Anthony Eden and his wife round Greece and they had stopped at Kalymnos. My father then thought someone ought to go aboard to greet Mr. Eden, so he mentioned it to the Governor of the Island. The latter agreed with the idea, and suggested that my father go himself. But, as my father had already seen Mr. Eden on many occasions before, he suggested that I might go up to greet him. So I carefully dressed myself in School uniform—not forgetting my School cap—which looks a bit out of place in that part of the world. A high powered naval launch with an armed escort took me to the yacht, where, on going aboard, I was welcomed by Mr. Eden himself and we had a short chat. I told him that I was glad he was looking very much better after his illness. He then asked me in what part of England I lived and what School I went to, although it was pretty obvious.

That was my last adventure on the Island, and a few days later we set forth for London and School. On the way we passed the Islands which were devastated by the earthquakes, and we actually anchored for half an hour off one of them.

Thus my vacation passed very pleasantly and much too quickly.

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Slovenia, 1953

It was with some trepidation and misgivings that another Haberdasher and I joined the group of School-students assembled one afternoon, early in August, on Victoria Station. We had been selected from all over England and Wales to visit Yugoslavia under the auspices of the Educational Interchange Council (Inc.). We took our fond farewells, and, as the train sped towards Dover, received our final instructions and got to know one another.

We were not alone in our qualms. To all of us Yugoslavia was very much a closed book. It had, we knew, broken through the Iron Curtain in 1948 and, thrusting this four hundred miles farther east, was now on good terms with the West—indeed, had not Marshal Tito visited England some months back? Literature on the subject was scarce and out of date, and so our limited knowledge was based on the little remembered from geography lessons on the Balkans, and the facts that the country had a totalitarian Communist government and that there appeared on its map the name of Sarajevo, that ill-starred town, where the First World War broke out.

We travelled all night, down the Rhine valley, through the fine Austrian Alps, and burst out of the Karavanke tunnel and into Yugoslavia at Jesenice, twenty-eight hours after leaving London. We were greeted by a military band playing lively airs, which relieved the tedium of the customs examination on the train,

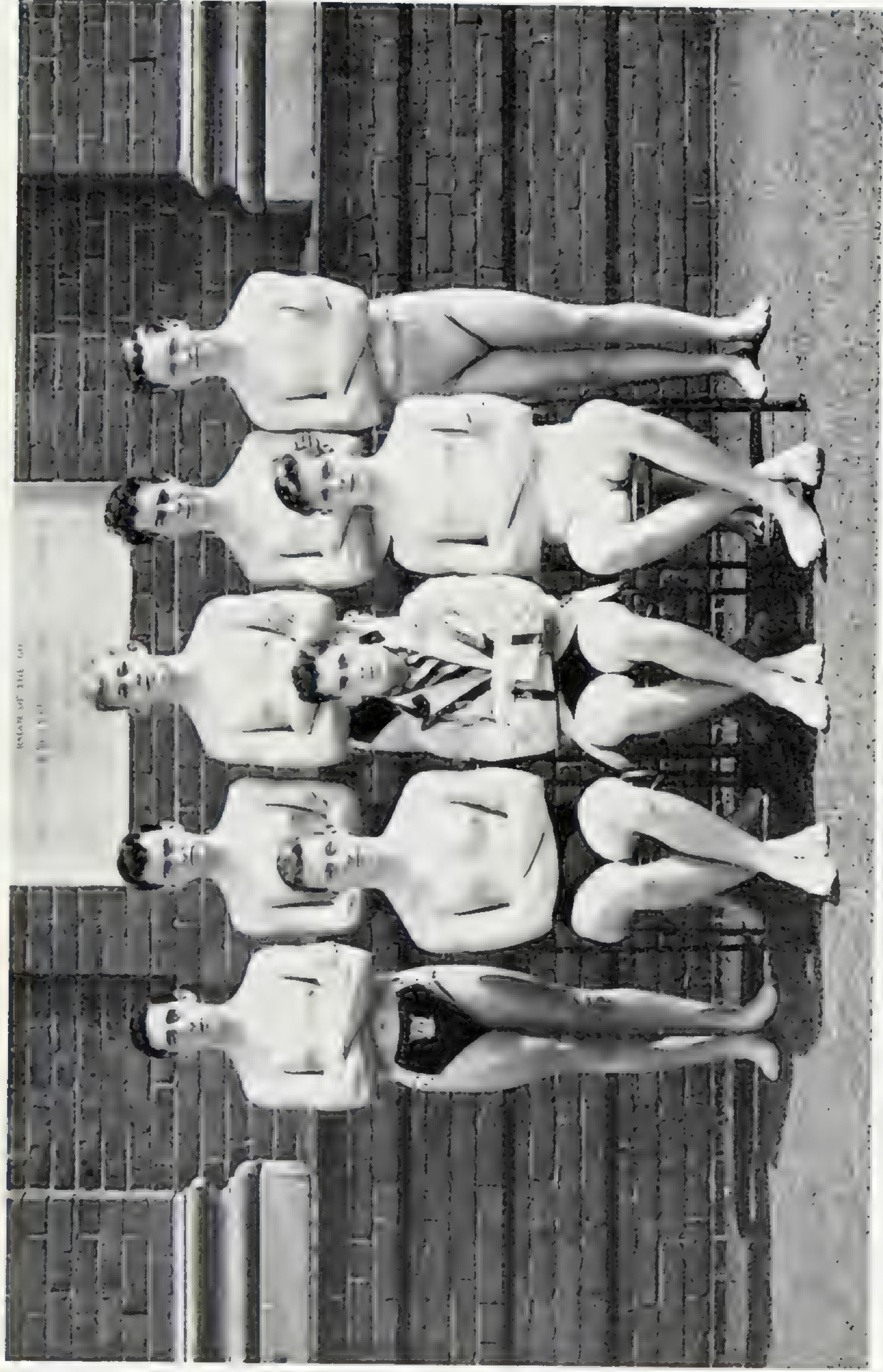
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THE CANOE CLUB AT MONMOUTH
Showing School in background.



SWIMMING TEAM, 1953.



Standing: M. G. DICHILIAN, J. I. HALEY, N. J. P. READMAN, A. MOLINEAUX, D. M. HIGGS.
Sitting: I. J. CLARK, R. A. S. ATTENBOROUGH 'Captain', A. PITH.

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although all the Continental customs proved much less formidable than the British. It was here too that we first encountered Slovene—the language we were to hear every day for the twenty-three days to come.

At half-past eight, when night had already fallen, we reached Ljubljana, where there was another band. Here our Yugoslav contact met us and led us to the Zdruzenje Profesorjev (Secondary School Teachers' Association). Over a glass of slivovec, the majority of the party were introduced to their hosts. About half a dozen of us were to travel further the next day, and we were handed into the care of Borko Gabrijel, who was to be our invaluable guide thenceforth. We had seven hours sleep and next day we caught the "fast" train to Maribor, eighty-five miles away. We two Haberdashers and a Birmingham girl arrived there a mere two hundred minutes later, at about half past ten in the morning.

In the milling throng at the station, we missed my host, and, saying good-bye to my school-fellow and Gabrijel, his host, I was generously invited to stay with the Birmingham girl's hostess. A wholly unexpected guest, I stayed with the Grgurevic family for three days, until urgent messages reached me by devious routes from my rightful hosts. Delayed because no trace of the Postarski Dom 'bus could be found, I eventually reached the Jesensek family, accompanied by both my compatriots, three days late. Mariborska Koca, my ultimate destination, was some three thousand feet up in the mountains of the Porhorje, and Postarski Dom was as high as the eight-seater 'bus-cum-truck, into which twenty-three people were crammed, jolted; from there one climbed the remaining seven-hundred feet on foot.

Most of the rest of the holiday I spent with the Jesenseks, but I had four or five scattered days at the Grgurevics' in the town of Maribor. Maribor is the second largest town in the People's Republic of Slovenia, the largest being Ljubljana, the capital. It has an old quarter, but was mostly modern, and had been heavily bombarded during the war. There was a delightful Renaissance palace, since the war a museum, and a twelfth-century cathedral, but far more impressive were the newer constructions: fine, modern flats, well designed and appointed, and big by our standards; broad, though unmetalled, tree-lined avenues; green and shady parks and squares, where salvias, begonias, kochias, zauschnerias, and other predominantly red plants and flowers were very much in evidence—a sign of the times. The town lies on the river Drava, and a couple of miles upstream was a great new barrage and hydro-electric installation to supply electricity to a new aluminium factory. Indeed, the country's post-war development is quite amazing, and the future seems to be full of promise. Above this dam had been formed an extensive lake surrounded by verdant

hills on which much boating was done ; below it was Kopalisce Mariborski Otok, a very fine lido on an isle in the middle of the turbulent, alpine river. The town was well-provided with cinemas, where English and American films were frequently shown, and there were several restaurants and alfresco dancing places—an essential in Slovene life. Public transport was extremely limited: half a dozen 'bus routes running out to surrounding villages, nothing else, no internal town services. All motorized transport, both private and otherwise, was very scarce; one journeyed by train if possible, else by bicycle or Shanks's pony. In the home, there was running water, which the State ran hot three days a week; electrical appliances were plentiful, but the government stipulated a rather wan maximum wattage for both indoor and outdoor lighting.

Ljubljana was very similar, a bit bigger, with a larger selection of entertainments, some very fine Baroque buildings, and Neboticnik, Slovenia's one skyscraper, of which it is very proud.

Mariborska Koca was a mountain "hut," to which the more energetic walkers would climb and stop for refreshment, and which offered accommodation to a score or so of guests. This, however, was not the only occupation of the family; they also did an amount of pastoral farming and worked in the surrounding forests—and work they did! They would get up about five in the morning and then tend the cattle and prepare for the day. About seven or eight the eldest son (my host), or his younger brother, and a peasant lad would take the two horses and the cart away into the forest and work, possibly all day until dusk. The mother and the remaining son, and a cousin, who was also but little older than I, would spend all day catering for the guests, serving and toiling over a great stove, whilst the step-father took care of all the other jobs. They worked so hard that in comparison a British "workman" would be left apparently stock still beside them, and so cheerfully that one felt compelled to lend a hand wherever possible. They need, of course, to work hard, for incomes are only about a quarter to a half what they are here, and prices of all but food are almost double, but their sociability and cheerfulness are unexampled.

Language tended to prove a hindrance. I could speak with the boy of my age, for he spoke some English, and with his cousin, who was a member of the national youth committee, for she spoke French. Some people spoke Italian, and here my Spanish was an invaluable help. Beyond these, few spoke English, for it has only been taught as a major foreign language in the Schools for five years, and French is virtually unknown. The most widely known foreign tongues were German and Russian and everybody we met spoke two or more languages, especially Esperanto. Thus my company was strictly limited, and I and my two fellow-countrymen were always glad to meet, though, since I was so far away from them, this was not a frequent occurrence, except when I was down in Maribor.

The evenings, which were dark by seven, were spent in the Koca in most lively manner: the accordeons were in constant use, the glasses were in circulation all the time, and we sang and danced until quite exhausted. The Slovenes are an incredibly happy race; little ever dampens their enthusiasm and zest for life. They are also very emotional, and when tears are the order, they flow freely, though more often than not they are soon replaced by laughter. They are intensely musical; music seems to be in their very bones, and their poignant and nostalgic melodies are as fresh in my mind as when I first heard them. Their generosity is unbounded: in consequence I returned home loaded with gifts, some from people whom, had I met them for an equal time in England, I should only consider the most casual of acquaintances. Yet, the Slovenes were just full of praise for the Serbs and their generosity! Strangely enough, the Jugoslavs are a fair-haired, fair-skinned people of medium height and very nice-looking—not the swarthy Latin type that might be expected. It is impressive to me that a people who lack a good many of the amenities that “civilization” offers the Englishman, and which he takes very much for granted, should be so very much more gay, friendly, exuberant and generous than he is.

The interesting and unforgettable incidents of this holiday are so numerous they would fill all this magazine, let alone one single article, but mention must be made of one long week-end. One Saturday morning, my companion and I arose at four-thirty and, packing a briefcase, set off through the forest. At this hour of the morning, in the cold grey dawn light and swathed in the low clouds which augured rain (this was one of the only three wet days in Maribor, whereas in Ljubljana, infamously wet, this total was trebled), the forests appeared quite hauntingly beautiful: the impression it has left is indelible. We hastened down the mountain and eventually reached Maribor. Here we picked up my Birmingham compatriot and joined the rest of the family on a midday train. We were en route for Sveta Ana, a tiny village high in the Karavanke near Trzic. The grandparents lived there and were celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary in typical style. We covered the journey of a hundred miles odd in about eight hours and somewhat travel-weary reached their farmhouse. Here we were immediately seated near the end of a huge table and plied with food and wine. This, accompanied by accordeon-and zither-playing and abundant talk, song, dance, laughter, even tears, continued all night and all the next day and night, for some forty of the family were assembled there. We snatched an hour and a half's rest about five-thirty in the morning, but the general merry-making banished all sleep, or desire for it. On the Sunday morning a group of younger brethren climbed Cer, a nearby mountain, although only my host and I, risking imminent death, reached the top. During the evening we took a walk to the Austro-

Jugoslavian frontier at Ljubelj, some three miles distant. We returned down the valley after nightfall, watching a glowing silver full moon, as big as a Cheshire cheese, rise over the mountains so shortly before flushed salmon and gold by the setting sun, and bathe everywhere in its bluish, rather eerie light. Early next morning, after two solid days of feasting, we made our way back to Ljubljana, where we spent the day sightseeing and visiting acquaintances. The evening we passed eating again and taking cups of strong Turkish coffee—and dancing. At half past one we caught a train for Maribor, and arrived five hours later, after a sleepless journey standing in the corridor. We climbed wearily up the Porhorje to the Koca where we arrived about nine-thirty—too late to go to bed! So we started a normal day, finally getting to bed that night. We computed we had some six hours sleep in eighty-seven hours!—but, we were assured, this was not so unusual, especially when it was a question of family celebrations, and, to judge by the nightly carousing in the Koca, this was well substantiated.

On two other occasions, one of which was the first night on the Porhorje, we three English people were at the Koca when it was decided on the spur of the moment about midnight to climb through the forest to Razglednik Stolp nad Bolfenkom, a sort of observation-tower atop the mountain, from which, there being no moon, we could see lights, set against the velvet sky, coruscant in the sparkling atmosphere, of towns as far away as Graz in Austria. We then scrambled down the other side of the mountain—thank goodness someone knew the way!—to Uranova Koca, where we were (at two o'clock in the morning) greeted by the proprietor and spent the rest of the night until dawn in the usual line of "jollifications."

However, by and large, the holiday was somewhat quieter than this may suggest, and we found ample time to recuperate from such events.

The countryside was extremely beautiful, the mountains are high, but less so than the Central Alps, (Triglav, the highest peak, tops 7,200 feet), and are of gleaming white limestone. They are clad with thick pine and mixed forests for a good way up, but the broad valleys are given over to farming. Though the greater part of the country is mountainous, the aspect is that of extreme greenness.

The food and drink always seemed to be plentiful, and the meals we ate inordinately large. The cooking was superb and vied with the best I have encountered elsewhere abroad, but this may have been exceptional luck. The commonest food was wholemeal bread, rice, potatoes, green peppers and every sort of pig-meat, and the favourite seasoning, caraway seed. Drink was generally coffee, lemon tea, wine (Maribor was the wine-growing centre of the country, and Laski Rizling was a superb wine), and an endless variety of spirits and liqueurs—whisky, slivovec (plum brandy),

zganje (schnapps), brandy, and so on—and a particularly delicious cordial, called variously malinovec and pokalica. Nearly all the food and drink was home-produced, as, in fact, was almost everything else—there was for instance Chartreuse and konjak produced in Ljubljana, and Fine Old Irish Whisky made in Zagreb!

Politics was not a much-discussed subject, not through reticence so much as through lack of interest. The attitude was one of toleration of Tito, for he has done more for his country during the last five years than any of his predecessors. Those who disapproved of the régime were perfectly outspoken, though tactful when in the company of strangers. The matter over which most feeling and bitterness were shown was on the question of politics and religion. During the last war, ten per cent of the populace was killed. Of these 1,700,000, the 700,000 were killed in fierce civil war where the rival factions resolved themselves into Communists and Roman Catholics. They committed almost as many outrages as the invading Germans, although there were none of the latter's mass shootings, for which we were shown lists of a hundred people to be shot, dated at intervals of less than a week. To this day the feeling of resentment is as strong as ever—some Roman Catholic priests have even been stoned. The Orthodox church, which has not interfered in politics, suffers no hostility. There is official religious toleration, though schoolmasters and public officials should not attend church. There is a State police, but it seemed to inspire no fear of persecution and its members were very pleasant and helpful men. Passes have to be carried, but were only asked for on trains crossing the frontier, and obvious restrictions were few. The most curious reluctance, and the only one I noticed, was the people's shyness of singing their national anthem; it seems it is so partisan they are only allowed to sing it on certain national holidays, and to have been heard at this time might have caused trouble!

By the end of my stay there, I had grown to love the country and the people with their dauntless *joie de vivre*, especially the life in the mountains, and, I think I speak for the whole party, it was with genuine regret that we had to return home, as the tearful groups at Maribor, Ljubljana and Kranj testified. All those in the party to whom I spoke were determined to return at the earliest opportunity, and what could be a better recommendation? Despite everything I may have said about other countries, I spent a more enjoyable holiday in the Federation of People's Republics of Yugoslavia than anywhere else.

Lastly, I must here express our thanks to the Educational Interchange Council (Inc.); to Miss Ena Edwards and Mr. Corsellis who tackled the arrangements this end, and the Zdruzenje Profesorjev who arranged everything in Yugoslavia; to the Borkos, Jesenseks, Grgurevics and Kovacevics, our all too generous hosts; and to the headmaster, Dr. Taylor, who made this opportunity known to us; for no better time could have been passed anywhere. P.J.B.

First impressions of the Sudan

After a two-day flight from England, night stop at Malta, the Sudan Government Viking first touched down on native soil at Wadi Halfa, near the northern border. On leaving the plane the heat seemed to come in intense, unrelenting waves, but later in the day in Khartoum it was a mere 98 degrees in the shade and blissfully cool by comparison. I was met at Khartoum Airport by a Sudanese educational official who directed me to the Grand Hotel for the night. My first impressions of the capital were perhaps a little disappointing. There was little to compare with some of the fine architectural achievements of India and the city itself somehow lacked shape and character. Sand makes up most of the roads, and those which are maintained have a narrow strip of tarmac down the centre, with dangerous pot holes at the sides, barely sufficient for two cars to pass. Modern vehicles predominated, many American cars among them, but I saw a number of carts drawn by camels, donkeys and oxen. The city falls into three main areas—the European shopping centre almost exclusively run by Greeks, the Sudanese “suq” or market where all local produce is obtained, and Government offices. I spent most of my first day trying to find my way about the complicated network of streets until in the evening I was met by the Senior British master from Wadi Seidna School, wearing a fine Edwardian beard and owning a somewhat dilapidated 1926 Chevrolet. Although now a frequent experience I am not likely to forget my first introduction to the Wadi Seidna “road,” twenty miles of rough desert track, winding endlessly over potholes and corrugations, bordered by dark boulders on either side and with the silhouettes of mysterious looking mountains looming in the distance. It was almost dark, the headlights scarcely illuminating the path ahead and the effectiveness of the brakes leaving much to be desired, and frequently we seemed to be heading for disaster towards some precipitous valley bank, only to recover miraculously just in time. Occasionally the driver remarked, peering into the gloom, “Yes—yes, I think we are on the right track.”

The next morning, from the verandah where I slept, I looked out upon a very refreshing scene—the Nile Valley. It seemed amazing that there could be so much green life in the midst of the desert. The landscape to the East could almost have been taken from the spacious grounds of a large English Public School—grass tennis courts, ten Soccer pitches, avenues of tall trees, then the school orchard with grapefruit, orange, pineapple and banana (a difference here!), and beyond all that the Nile itself, flowing peacefully and with dignity to the North. It was a re-assuring sight, especially after the previous evening, auguring well for the future.

The school buildings were originally constructed to house Gordon College, which has now been transferred and renamed as

the University College of Khartoum. They include five boarding houses catering for about 400 boys within the wide age range of 13 to 19 officially, but it is suspected that by false declarations there are boys in the top forms of over 25 years ! In some respects, with notable exceptions, the students certainly behave more like adults than schoolboys. At the end of their fourth year the old Cambridge School Certificate is taken, a qualification which in this country opens up many interesting possibilities of employment, and, provided he reaches a certain standard, a boy may be given a treasured place in the University. As there are only three Government secondary schools in the whole of the Sudan, competition is keen and the standard of entry high, and without wishing to make any invidious comparisons there is an atmosphere of work about the place which is often lacking in corresponding English schools ! Quite often, for instance, a fourth form boy may be found working in his classroom until the early hours, or he may get up early and put in a couple of hours before the first period at 7 o'clock. It is also quite common for a whole class to remain behind after the final bell has gone, to finish a piece of work. Consequently Detention is a very popular form of punishment. The boys are highly examination-conscious, too much so in fact, and their preoccupation with end of term tests and School Certificate means that they have little time to spare for hobbies and societies, although these do have their select and enthusiastic supporters. From time to time, during out-of-school hours, outings are arranged—to explore the banks of the Nile for wild life, to investigate archaeological remains, to visit cotton growing plants and factories, or to set up camp for a night of scientific star gazing. But in general the background and opportunities which are available in the best English schools are either lacking or are not appreciated.

From the secondary school stage onwards, except for the teaching of Arabic and Religion, English is the official medium of instruction. The boys manage this surprisingly well, though they do get their words mixed up—as, for instance, when a first former, not wishing to spoil a neat exercise book, wrote “collapsed” beside an incorrect solution to an equation. In any case our teaching is probably improved for having to speak simply, slowly and very much to the point.

Lessons are from 7 a.m. until 1.10 p.m., with an hour's break for breakfast. We work on Sundays but not on Fridays, the Moslem Holy day. Organised games take place each afternoon from 4 o'clock and there are two hours prep. each evening. The number of periods works out at about the same as at Haberdashers', but schoolmasters get off much more lightly ; my colleagues in England will envy our having rather more “free” periods than teaching ones. But in return it is expected of us that all written work is very thoroughly marked and returned the following day.

In the morning the boys wear Western clothes—shorts, shirt and sandals, but after that they may (and most of them do) wear local costume—a long cotton coat of white or pastel shade known as a “gallabia” and an “imma” head-dress resembling a turban.

Eating habits in the East rarely commend themselves to Europeans, and even in educated circles scant importance is attached to table manners. At lunch or dinner time six boys will plunge their fingers into a common bowl of meat stew, and before long the tables are coated with congealed fat and vegetables, partially consumed loaves of bread and discarded banana skins. Mercifully, apart from weekly duties, the Staff usually eat in their own homes. But individually and in class the boys show that courtesy and charm which is characteristic of the Sudanese as a people. Moreover, the British Staff appear to be well liked and respected. Collectively, however, owing to misguided or misinformed nationalist influence, the boys are quite capable of expressing themselves in unmistakable ways, such as organising strikes and marching to the cry of “Down with the British!” Then the School has to close down until feeling passes over, when it is made clear that “We didn’t mean you, Sir, or any of the other British masters. What we don’t like is the British Government!” With the oncoming of the recent elections this mood changed and over a year has passed without incident.

There are a dozen British masters among a total of forty. I was disappointed to find that social life between British and Sudanese is limited to such occasions as staff meetings and the occasional tea party. This is a pity, because we do not know as much about each other’s ideas and way of life as we should. Owing to the subjugated and isolated state of native women it is almost impossible to penetrate the sanctity of a Sudanese home, and few Sudanese women ever appear in public at social or official gatherings. There are signs of a more enlightened outlook, particularly in the realm of girls’ education, but ancient customs die hard and progress is very slow. In their own way the British too tend to shut themselves up in their own world, the world of the Sudan Club in Khartoum and the round of social functions. Relationships between British and Sudanese are good, but more informal contacts might help to clear up such misunderstandings as do exist.

In August when I arrived our homes were visited every evening by the most varied collection of insect life imaginable. The verandahs would be carpeted with blister beetles, mud wasps, dung beetles, grasshoppers and locusts of all shapes and sizes. More dangerous were the snakes and scorpions, but fortunately these were rare. With the end of the rains in October and the coming of “winter” most of these unpleasant companions have disappeared, but crocodiles can be seen on the banks of the Nile at almost any time and foxes creep about our gardens at night. Goats and sheep wander about freely by day. In spite of this our gardens are well

tended and regularly watered by artificial irrigation. In fact, all things considered, we are very civilised at Wadi Seidna : we have large, well-built bungalows surrounded by spacious verandahs, and mains electricity and water. The climate is now ideal, like a perfect English summer, but very dry, so dry that touching a piece of metal often produces a spark and a shock.

Many of you may have read in the newspapers of the recent elections in the Sudan and of the decisive victory of the Unity of the Nile Valley Party, which favours some form of union with Egypt. It is as yet too early to say how the idea of " union " is to be interpreted. Politically this is a period of uncertainty and transition, but in any case British influence in Sudan affairs will continue to diminish until the machinery of complete independence is set in motion within the next three years. The Sudan Government is justly proud of its record over the past fifty-five years and now the fulfilment of its purpose is at hand, the leading of the Sudanese to political independence. It is only natural that the country should seek co-operation with its neighbour, as the two peoples have much in common, and equally natural that the British administration should have misgivings about the future. Personally I find the people interesting to work with, and I hope that my services will be required for several years to come.

D. L. BOTHWELL

Central British Columbia

15th EXPEDITION OF BRITISH SCHOOLS EXPLORING SOCIETY

When the Canadian Pacific vessel, *Empress of Scotland*, left Liverpool on Tuesday 28th July, 1953, there was among the passengers a party of 69 British schoolboys and their eleven leaders. The boys had been chosen from schools all over Britain, and with their leaders, they were to explore the wild regions of Central British Columbia on an expedition lasting two months. The crossing was without incident, apart from an occasional complaint of sea-sickness, and we arrived at Quebec on Monday, August 3rd. All baggage not required on the expedition was removed and we continued to Montreal, 1,000 miles up the St. Lawrence.

When we arrived at Montreal we immediately settled ourselves in the " colonist cars " (cattle trucks with an occasional strip of leather) and then later we set out to " explore " Montreal. The journey across Canada took five days in the one train; past the Great Lakes, the Prairies and the Rockies, and through places with names like *Tête Jaune Cache*, *Goat River*, *Snowshoe* and *Kidd* and then on to *Yellowhead*. The last few 100 miles to dusty *Vanderhoof* was through wolf country, far north of the famed *Caribou Trail*. In *Vanderhoof* the Indians outnumbered the white man, by three to one, the wooden sidewalks were inches deep in dust, and we would not have been unduly disturbed if a cowboy

had suddenly ridden at full gallop down the main street with six-guns blazing. We then conveyed our stores to three trucks and left on the last lap of our journey, the 75 miles to Fort St. James, an old Hudson Bay Trading Post. We then went up the total length of Stuart Lake, 54 miles long, and frozen for six months of the year. It is surrounded by vast pine forests and is peopled only by a few remote tribes of Pinchi and Cherokee Indians, and is occasionally patrolled by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

At the head of the lake we formed our base-camp, we raised the Union Jack and B.S.E.S. flag and settled down to plan the marches. To the West there was forest for 500 miles to the Pacific Ocean. To the North a man could travel 1,000 miles to the Yukon border and see nobody but an Indian trapper. To the South it was 650 miles to the populated belt near the U.S. border, we were bang in the centre of British Columbia's 366,000 sq. miles.

The three sorry-looking maps at our disposal showed us to be in the middle of a vast forest. This was marked on the maps as a large white expanse, altered only by a few blue dots. The occasional trappers who hunt bears and moose in the trackless forests were astounded to learn that we had not employed any guides or porters and were relying upon no outside help at all. In fact during our stay on Stuart Lake there were no visitors apart from an occasional boatload of Indians who came to offer moccasins and the skins of the black bear which they trade to the Hudson Bay Company, or sell to the Fort St. James Board of Trade. These become the bearskins of the Grenadier Guards, for, when it was learned three years ago that the Guards had to buy their bearskins from Russia, this lonely settlement offered to equip an entire regiment. The Grenadiers accepted the offer.

Life in camp was never dull, but news from the outside world was a rare thing and as letters were "taboo," an occasional news bulletin from our wireless group was a welcome relief. I remember how we talked for days about Mossadeq's fall from power, and Churchill's recovery from an illness.

Within a few days of arrival we had built a 75 foot tower between two tall trees for meteorological tests, instruments were installed at 10 feet intervals. This was to give data on afforestation; readings of temperature and humidity at various heights, are taken, day and night, and the results show the health and strength of trees in the area. It had been tried once before in Germany but never before in the Commonwealth.

Our daily rations consisted of 12 Spratts' dog biscuits, 12 sugar lumps, 4 ozs. cheese, 2ozs. margarine, 4ozs. chocolate, 2ozs. sultanas. We supported this diet with "rainbow" trout caught in the ice-cold lake. This was not varied until an Indian came along at the end of camp and gave us 50 pounds of moose-meat.

The largest group was the Survey party, which was divided

into "Trig" and "Topo". They mapped the whole of the North of Stuart Lake and nearby contours, and because of the scarcity of maps of the area, the Canadian Army has asked to see the results; none of the survey boys had ever done cartography before and yet the maps compiled were of the very highest standard.

To obtain specimens for the Natural History group we had to send out marching parties through territory largely unexplored and unmapped, and traversed only by moose-trails. Few trappers of the Canadian interior undertake such "hikes" without Indian guides; water is plentiful within a few miles of the lake, but the going is rough, and in the case of an accident, the victim would have to be carried with great difficulty on a litter for several days before surgical help could be reached.

After about a week we built a boat, a Kontiki-like affair. It consisted of a pair of rafts or flat-bottomed boats lashed together and propelled by home made paddles, which were really signposts taken from base-camp. The Indians, expertly paddling their long, slim canoes, regarded phlegmatically the newest breed of white explorers whenever we went out to fish. They also used to rest when paddling across the lake, to listen to our rendering of "Silent Night," "Cockles and Mussels," and of course we always ended with "God Save the Queen."

At the end of our trip we all felt wonderfully fit and on the return journey ate every article of food that came to hand; on board the Cunarder "Franconia" we ate enough food every day for 120 people, although there was only 80 in our party. This trip will always remain a memorable and worthwhile experience and I shall never forget the lakes and trees of Canada.

B. COLLOMBIN, *Via Mod.*

Hitch-hiking across the U.S.A.

The ambition of each of the twenty exchange students who went to America last year was to make a journey across that continent. We wanted to do this to learn more about the other regions of the U.S.A., and their peoples, not merely to enjoy a strenuous holiday.

Both Michael Mander, the English boy with whom I travelled, and I, having been studying near New York City, had, by the end of the school year, spent most of our allowances on necessary social activities. Therefore our decision to hitch-hike was obvious, as this involves negligible expenses for transport.

During the last term, Michael raised money by baby-sitting, and I coached a backward junior in Physics, for which I was paid two dollars—15/-!—an hour. Through these efforts we had a total of three hundred dollars when we set off on the twelfth of June.

Leaving New York, we journeyed most of the way to Chicago with school friends who were motoring to their vacations in Canada.

Much of this stretch was accomplished on the New Jersey Turnpike and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. These are two well-known toll roads, and are indeed "marvels of modern construction." For over five hundred miles these wide ribbons of reinforced concrete extend, as a modern version of the ancient Roman roads, without junctions, sharp curves or steep gradients, and an average of 80 m.p.h. was maintained with ease.

When our friends' route turned northwards, they put us down at Toledo, and here we really began to hitch-hike in earnest. I had painted on a large window blind the words "English Students Touring U.S.A." and to this we would also attach the name of our next destination. This sign served the dual purpose of attracting the attention of drivers and of concealing the quantity of our luggage, which consisted of a hold-all, a large haversack, and sundry odd parcels. Not seeing all this, motorists thought we were travelling light, and were more inclined to give us a ride.

We were bored by the very flat country of the Middle-West, as we travelled along dead straight roads, flanked on either side by endless wheat-growing prairies. We were fortunate in finding a motorist who took us through this region, a distance of 950 miles, as far as Denver, in only a day and a half.

From Denver the road follows a rather tortuous route through the Rocky Mountains to Salt Lake City, and our appreciation of the extreme beauty of this country was marred by the carelessness of our driver. We were very nervous, for he devoted more attention to pointing out landmarks than to keeping the car on the road—at least that is the impression we gained.

Salt Lake City is the centre of the Church of the Latter-Day Saints, the Mormon religion, and this has made it a very community-minded city. We were impressed by its practical layout, with broad, clean avenues and numerous parks.

We spent two days slavishly hoeing sugar-beet on a farm near Salt Lake City, ostensibly to earn money, but were paid such a miserable wage that our net profit was only one dollar. Our labours were hampered, moreover, by the attempts of the farmer's wife to convert us to Mormonism, exhorting us to give up such sinful habits as smoking, and drinking alcoholics, coffee and tea—"They defile the body!"—and condemning us for taking off our shirts in the heat of the day—"Man was made to wear clothes!"

We were more fortunate at Portland, Oregon, for we stayed there for two weeks as guests of a building contractor who employed us at light work—erecting fences, mowing lawns and laying bricks—and paid us a very handsome wage.

The Pacific North-West, embracing the states of Washington and Oregon, is, in my opinion, the most beautiful part of the United States. This country is rugged and unspoilt, and the combination of a rich soil and a damp, West Country-like climate enable the settlers there to cultivate lovely gardens. Portland

is known as the "City of Roses," and it well lives up to that name.

Independence Day—July 4th—occurred while we were at Portland and so we "celebrated" the anniversary of America freeing herself from British rule by wearing black arm-bands, and writing "God Save the Queen" in bricks on our host's lawn. He took it all in good part, however, and later we admitted that perhaps it was a good thing that England had freed herself from any responsibility for the great Yoonighted Staytes ahv Ammurreca.

Leaving Portland, we followed the Coastal Highway alongside the Pacific to San Francisco, and this was the most hectic part of the trip. Several times we were nearly involved in accidents, mainly because of the gigantic log-hauling trucks that are indeed a menace, and because the highway itself is in the process of being straightened. Many of the older sections of the road run along cliff tops and because of the many fogs during the summer, they have a high accident rate.

We only stayed in San Francisco for a long weekend, although we would have liked to linger there indefinitely. The city has a marked Eastern influence which gives it a fascinating cosmopolitan atmosphere. In the evening we went to the Chinese section of the town, and wandered around all the souvenir shops, revelling in our Oriental surroundings. Other interesting features of this city are the wonderful Golden Gate Bridge, and the antiquated cable-drawn tramcars.

The time came to leave "'Frisco" all too soon, and then we continued on the Coastal Highway to Los Angeles. This is a massive sprawling city, whose population is increasing at a positively fantastic rate. We had been given letters of introduction to a person in the show business here, and so we contacted him, and the outcome of this was that we were invited to tea with a film actress—Spring Byington, who plays the part of the mother in the "Jones Family" series—and I was given a part in a television quiz programme. Discussing the Coronation with our film actress, she said, in all sincerity—"The Queen—oh, she's an absolute doll!" which is the highest form of compliment in Los Angeles, it seems.

From Los Angeles we began what was really the return journey, but we decided to travel back on a totally different route. Our first destination was Las Vegas, and on this journey, which entailed crossing the Mohave Desert, we got a ride in an antiquated car with a young man who told us he worked as a rodeo rider. He insisted on showing us his scars, and his legs were still bandaged from his latest fall. Unfortunately, he drove his car as though he was riding a steer—extremely recklessly, once overtaking four cars and a heavy lorry on a blind corner of a narrow road with a gay, "O.K. boys, here we go! Hold on to your hats!" Although we were only on the edge of the desert, the temperature was about 110 degrees, and so we decided to wait until the evening, when most people drive.

We arrived at Las Vegas at one o'clock in the morning, to find all the neon lights ablaze, and the betting dens wide awake. The most popular form of gambling there was by fruit machines or "one-arm bandits," as they were called, in which you could insert coins varying in value from a penny to 7/6d. The very existence of the town, which consists only of "dives," luxury hotels, and pawnshops, centres around the gambling, from which the state of Nevada makes such a lot of money that its taxes are very low.

Not far from Las Vegas is the tremendous Boulder Dam, built during the 1930's Depression, and it is indeed an awe-inspiring sight. It forms a huge lake in the Columbia River. The dam is five hundred feet high, with a road running across the top. We saw a film on its construction at nearby Boulder City, and this made it more interesting.

Now we come to the one part of the trip which impressed me most—the Grand Canyon. We had to make a lengthy detour to see this, but it was well worth while. When you see it for the first time, it is positively breath-taking—you are standing on the rim of a vast crack in the earth's surface—a crack, the bottom of which is a mile beneath you, and the other side six miles away. The ground descends in a series of sheer cliffs, with numerous ravines. On the other face you can see all the various rock strata, with the oldest known rock formation at the bottom, and their varied colours make it a beautiful sight when the sun is shining. It must be a geologist's paradise.

Shortly after leaving the Grand Canyon a man from Texas gave us a ride. Texans are very patriotic towards their state, and will tell you that the rest of the United States became a part of Texas rather than Texas joined the United States. We asked him what there was in Texas that could compare with the Grand Canyon, and, after thinking it over a little, he said, "Nothing, but who wants an old hole in the ground, anyway?" While travelling through Texas we amended our hitch-hiking sign to read, "English Students Touring U.S.A.—and Texas," with very good results.

After staying the night at Wichita Falls, a small town in Texas, we wanted to catch a bus to get into the country, where we could start "thumbing." We could not find the 'bus station, but I noticed the local newspaper office, and suggested that we inquire there. The outcome of this was that one of the junior reporters drove us out of town, while we made the front page headlines the following morning. We repeated this about ten times on the rest of the trip, and the newspaper officials always took us out to lunch, or recommended a hotel, or helped us on our way somehow, in exchange for a story and photograph. Most of the newspapers were very obliging in sending copies to our homes, and these are some of our finest souvenirs.

Travelling through Texas the temperature reached 120 degrees and this made it most exhausting.

Our next notable experience took place in the town of Bossier City, Louisiana. We asked a policeman here which road we should take, and he countered by demanding to see our identification papers. As we did not have them handy, he made us walk to the police station, and there he searched us for weapons, rummaged through our papers, and cross-examined us at considerable length. When he was finally satisfied that we were neither thugs nor vagrants, he released us, apologising for his mistake.

We were then travelling in what is geographically called the deep South, through swampy country, on which cotton is the major crop. One of the most beautiful features of this country is tall trees festooned with multicoloured hanging moss. We had, of course, heard of the race segregation in this area, but were shocked at the sight of the miserable hovels in which the Negroes lived. I do not suggest that we should be smug because we are not so inhuman to coloured people in England—I am afraid that we probably would be, if we had many of them here—but it was sickening to think of their frightful circumstances. Great steps are being made in the advancement of Negroes, however, and I hope it will not be too long before all discrimination will be ended.

A name that appears very frequently on buildings and roads in this area is Huey P. Long. When we enquired about this, we were told that he was a crooked politician in the 1930's Depression, who had been elected State Governor, and ruled like a dictator. He was a fantastic character, for, in all the constituencies in which he had had a majority of the votes in the last election, he spent large sums of money on public works, for example on hospitals, schools, roads and bridges, but he would ignore the needs of towns which did not support him, even going to the length of detouring roads to avoid them.

In New Orleans, the heat and humidity made one feel as lifeless as a wet rag, and it was impossible to get to sleep at night. The city itself is very interesting, with a strong Continental cultural influence, and some of the older inhabitants can only speak a slightly unusual form of French.

When we left New Orleans, we were on the last lap of our journey. At a small town called Hattiesburg two policemen gave us a ride, and insisted on showing us Hattiesburg's only claim to fame which was the longest stretch of dead-straight road in the world, some five miles long without turning one degree, and we tried to appear suitably impressed, although it did not look different from any other straight road.

In Salisbury, North Carolina, we stayed with friends for a few days, spending much of our time bathing at a country club, and going to the pictures in the evenings. Just think how horrified

we were when our hosts told us that Salisbury was a hot bed of infantile paralysis; we spent the next day feeling quite ill. This passed off, however, and we soon recovered.

On the way to Washington, an army sergeant gave us a ride, and, after drinking large quantities of a mixture of Kentucky rum and Coca-cola, which tasted revolting, he fell asleep while driving. I took over the wheel, and drove a further sixty miles to his destination which was a camp. I did not have a driving licence, but if I had been arrested, I could have used the fact that I was keeping a drunk from driving as my defence.

We arrived at Washington, D.C., shortly after the death of Mr. Taft, and I saw his coffin lying in state at the Capitol. The next day, I caught a glimpse of President Eisenhower when he arrived there for a service of remembrance. My companion had continued the journey back to New York, but I spent a week sight-seeing in the American capital. It is the ideal tourists' city, with logically laid-out streets, and numerous interesting memorials and buildings.

I visited the House of Representatives, and sat listening to part of a debate on whether they should spend 537 or 538 million dollars on the Civil Service. While I was at the Senate, it was being addressed by a fiery old gentleman, who was urging the Government to prepare for the Communist-ruled slaves to revolt and free themselves. I was shown around the White House, which is the President's official residence, the Department of Justice, where the F.B.I. have their offices, and the Supreme Court building.

There are three outstanding memorials, dedicated to Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, and these, like many of the other famous buildings, are constructed entirely of white marble.

On the final leg of the trip I was given a ride by a person who set me down in the centre of Baltimore, a large industrial city, where there was no apparent municipal transport system, and no sign of a newspaper office. Hoping for the best, I just stood at the side of the main road, holding up my sign, and by a wonderful stroke of luck a man stopped for me within two minutes. His destination was only a short bus ride away from the school at which I had been studying, and so I returned there in fine style.

Altogether, our trip had taken us nine thousand four hundred miles, through twenty-eight states, in two months. We had been given about ninety rides, the average length of each of which was about a hundred miles, and had spent 150 dollars, mostly on hotel bills and souvenirs. Our actual travelling expenses consisted of only two dollars and eighty cents spent on 'bus fares before we devised our "newspaper" gambit.

Our journey showed us what vast differences exist between the various sections of the country, and provided innumerable practical examples of American hospitality and generosity.

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70°W., 42°N.

Today is Armistice Day, and the Schools are closed, as are all public offices and, until the afternoon, the shops as well. This short breathing space has given me the opportunity to look through my diary, and to put down some of the episodes in my stay here that I hope it may be of interest to record, and to try and give you some impression of what life is like in a country about which you have probably read and heard a good deal already. "Heard" is the key word here, for of all my general impressions I think that the noise has been one of the most striking. After the comparative calm of five days on the *Queen Mary*, though that crossing was by no means as smooth as we had hoped it might be in mid-summer, we found ourselves occupying rooms in a hotel on the famous Broadway itself. The din was incessant, and those with a room in the front of the hotel found sleep by no means easy to achieve as, in addition, the temperature during our six days' stay was such as to make bedclothes superfluous. A "split second" has often been defined here as that interval of time which elapses between the illumination of the green traffic light and the sound of the horn from the automobile immediately in your rear. In the cities that I have so far visited this is eminently true! Juke boxes also are frequently available in snack bars, "diners," and other eating places, which the individual customer can operate by inserting a nickel for his private enjoyment and, more problematically, for that of the rest of the customers.

Another feature of American life that immediately strikes the new visitor is the large number of automobiles. There are over fifty million vehicles licensed at present, about one for every three of the population. Fortunately there are fairly extensive "parkways" (special motor roads), but the traffic at the rush hours out of places like Manhattan is quite incredible, and a hold-up in the stream will have rapid repercussions miles in the rear. In all big centres of population the parking problem is becoming almost insoluble in spite of parking meters and other more severe restrictions.

The first fortnight of my stay, which included also five days in Washington, D.C., will be quite unforgettable owing to the fact that practically every meal from breakfast onwards was taken in some form of cafeteria. This experience gave the party an intensive education in the use of American currency, and in the enormous variety of food available, some of it bearing very strange labels such as "chicken on a bun, Maryland style" and "huckleberry pie," not to mention the ever present hamburgers and frankfurters.

Our "orientation program" included not only visits to some of the well-known places in both cities, the new Lever building, the United Nations building and the Rockefeller Centre in New York, the Capitol and the White House in Washington, to mention only a few, but lectures and discussions designed to prepare us for

what lay ahead. There was a liberal allowance of time for private tours, and our first contact with the public transport in both cities was often quite an exciting experience, especially when we found that every trip, even the shortest, on a bus or the subway, was costing us rather more than a shilling!

Washington I found a most delightful city by reason of its spacious planning and wealth of national monuments. Our only regret is that it was impossible this year for the British teachers to be received personally by the President. Nevertheless we took away very pleasant memories of the hospitality of our Minister at the Washington Embassy, and of a number of American educational bodies, who entertained the party to dinner on another occasion.

And so (by streamlined train) to Boston and Hingham, a journey which took me back through New York and along the Connecticut coast with its numerous and charming bathing beaches and the crossing of another Thames at New London at Providence, and into Massachusetts and the largest city of New England. I was driven out from the city along a route liberally furnished with electric signs advertising almost everything from the various brands of "gas" to fried clams. We passed through the large city of Quincy and eventually turned off in the comparative quiet of the town that was to be my new home. First impressions of the big wooden houses and churches, all surrounded with large numbers of trees and almost devoid of fences or hedges, were delightful, and have remained so. The town was first settled in 1635, and there are still some buildings that date back to the seventeenth century. Those added since have almost all adopted the old style of architecture so typical of this part of America. Lying on the south shore of Boston Bay, the town also affords extensive facilities for bathing and boating, and there are other beaches within a few miles, of which the best known is the three mile stretch of sands at Nantasket, the "Coney Island" of Boston.

Almost as soon as I arrived, I was taken to see some parts of Harvard University in the city of Cambridge, which is separated from Boston proper by the Charles river, and very soon afterwards I went through the thickly wooded countryside to Provincetown on the very tip of Cape Cod, where the Pilgrim Fathers first reached land, and from where they sailed across the bay to Plymouth, the site of the famous rock. I have also had the opportunity to visit New Hampshire twice, getting as far as Mt. Washington on the first occasion, and crossing into Vermont on the second visit and eventually reaching Burlington on Lake Champlain, a large expanse of water which stretches over the border into Canada south of Montreal. In the generally fine spell of weather that we enjoyed during September and October the changing colours of the foliage during the fall have presented a truly beautiful natural spectacle.

The High School at Hingham is one of seven schools comprising

the town system, and caters for six hundred boys and girls from the age of about fourteen and a half years upwards. The organisation differs from that of our own school in a number of ways. The classes commence at 8 a.m. and finish at 2 p.m. with only a short lunch break in the whole of that time, and at present the programme is the same every day. There is no division into terms in the English sense, and apart from a break of a few days here and there the school year proceeds steadily on its way from its start on 6th September to its close on 24th June. Apart from the usual class subjects there are a number of extra-curricular activities that have not yet been introduced at Westbere Road—a brass band of some forty players, majorettes, cheer leaders, and dances almost every Saturday evening. But why need I tell you what Mr. Ricci can easily describe to you at first hand? Let me rather end by saying that I was very glad to be able to see Milligan on the *Mauretania* before he left New York, and to get Ginn to come and see me at Hingham in early September. You can imagine, too, my surprise when I was called to the telephone at the High School and heard the voice of an Old Haberdasher, Mr. Keith Batchelor, at the other end. We met subsequently in Boston, and talked for a couple of hours over a most enjoyable dinner. I have been given a very generous welcome in this town, and have been fortunate in finding a home where I was accepted as one of the family right from the start. My debt of hospitality to numerous American families is already considerable and is still increasing.

K.M.B.

Introducing Mr. Ricci

A telegram stating “The Department of the Army has selected you to teach Mathematics at a University High School in Germany” reached me on the same day that the Department of State of the United States Government notified me of the Fullbright Scholarship Exchange Appointment to the Haberdashers’ Aske’s Hampstead School. If Dr. Taylor, the staff with which I work and the students are half as happy with my being here as I am in being at Haberdashers’ instead of with the Army, I shall feel most grateful. My days among you are passing much, much too quickly and already I know that I shall miss these valued friendships I am enjoying!

Several things are causing me concern. “The accent” is no longer noticeable. I am beginning to understand Rugby, after spending my Saturday afternoons in relaxation watching what has proved to be excellent sportsmanship on the field (pitch). English humor (humour) brings a laugh. I now eat with the fork in the left hand and the knife in the right hand. In fact, I was soundly congratulated by a student on leaving the dining hall one day after school had been in session for about two weeks. Quite without realizing it, I had given up cutting my food in the American way with knife and fork and then transferring the fork to the right

hand. Yes, with me many of *your* ways are fast becoming *our* (your and my) ways.

The differences between your way of life and mine are few in comparison with the similarities that exist. True, there are more rainy days here than at home in New England, but no fewer smiling and cheery faces. The conviviality and friendliness of people everywhere I've been in England and Scotland cannot be surpassed! This is also true of the pride you hold in your Empire. Your countryside and your cities are beautiful, I wouldn't have wanted to miss all this for any other parts of the world.

The main differences I've experienced while here have been within the walls of Haberdashers'. School hours for me have always been from eight o'clock in the morning to two o'clock in the afternoon with twenty-two minutes for lunch. I have always taught both boys and girls. And I've always taught in one large building. Going from one building to another gives me the feeling of being on a university campus and affords me some much needed exercise after the beautiful and good tasting food I enjoy at Haberdashers' and at my London residence.

It is with the utmost pleasure that I look forward to the next two terms at Haberdashers' and to my holidays among the people of the British Isles. I am truly sorry that "tempus fugit" while I am here!

THEODORE I. RICCI, JR.

Transatlantic Forum

The "*New York Times*" radio station, which runs a series of youth forums on Saturday mornings, decided recently to include a discussion on Anglo-American relations in its programme with a panel of American students in New York and a panel of British boys and girls in London. In order to arrange the Trans-Atlantic link-up the B.B.C. was approached and they asked the C.E.W.C. to provide them with the names of six boys and six girls, from Schools in the London area, who would be suitable for the broadcast. Two speakers, one boy, one girl, were chosen, leaving the remainder of the candidates as a studio audience to question the members of the American panel in New York. As the result of an audition, I was selected as one of the two members of the London panel and given an outline of the procedure and programme to be followed in the broadcast. This took place eventually on Wednesday, December 9th, between 3 p.m. and 4.15 p.m. and was recorded over a closed circuit, for the purpose of re-transmission from New York on Saturday, December 12th.

The title of the programme was "Britain and the U.S.—Partners for Peace," and, after announcing their names and schools the panel members started off by commenting on this title, each speaking for about 40 seconds. The discussion then became

general, switching very quickly—too quickly, I considered, to allow adequate replies to be made to some points.

Trade policies were first discussed and, in reply to a statement calling for lower trade barriers on both sides of the Atlantic, we, in London, pointed out the differences in the economic health of the U.S. and the U.K. Senator McCarthy and China Trade were next touched upon; the streets of Peking were declared to be full of American cars (by London) and John Opladen in New York replied that "you can't fight a war with Buicks and Chevrolets and you *can* with oil and steel manufactures" (which were alleged to have been exported to China by the U.K.). The "Oh" from New York when Senator McCarthy's name was mentioned and the attitude of both speakers in New York were refreshing. McCarthy was called "a regrettable neccessity" and "a very junior Senator" by our friends in New York.

German re-armament, the forthcoming Berlin Conference, President Eisenhowers' speech, the Bermuda Conference, and what to do with Communists in The Civil Service, were discussed in greater or lesser detail before the audience on each side was allowed to ask questions of the opposite panel.

The questions mainly sought clarification or tried to pick holes in speeches made earlier. The American audience seemed largely concerned with Chinese Trade and German re-armament. For example it wanted to know what would be the effect of Senator McCarthy's call to cut off aid from allies who traded with China? London answered "to make us trade more with China". New York then asked, was it better to arm our former enemies than give them some advantage in overseas competition with U.K.? I had said earlier that Germany, without the burden of re-armament, would deprive Britain, devoting 12% of her output to armaments, of important overseas markets. So I replied, "is it just for Canada, U.S.A., Britain, Belgium, France, and so on, to pay for defending Germany without Germany contributing anything?"

After an exchange of comment on a number of other questions the recording ended with a short summing-up by each member of the panel on what might be done to cement Anglo-American friendship.

My overall impressions were that the American speakers had their material readily available and expressed themselves more cogently than we did but that the British ideas tended to be more original if less well expressed. The experience was well worth while for me and I think the programme did do something towards a better understanding of the British and American points of view on some of the most controversial political problems in the world today.

The London Schools represented on the British panel in the studio at Broadcasting House were, on the girls side, Mayfield

County High School, Putney, North London Collegiate School, Croydon High School, South Hampstead High School and Sutton County High School, and on the boys' side, City of London School, Dulwich College, Highgate, Latymer Upper, and Haberdashers' Schools. Mr. Campbell attended the broadcast as an observer in the control room, and afterwards joined the panel for tea with the staff of the B.C.C.'s North American service in the canteen at Broadcasting House.

The B.B.C. hope to arrange a play-back of the recording for a selected audience sometime in mid-January, but there will, unfortunately, be no actual broadcast in this country.

F. L. Gardner, *Via Mod.*

Green, More Green!

The studio was a splash of colour. On every wall hung paintings in various stages of completion: they were all paintings of sunsets—red, blue and yellow ones, and every combination of these colours. A sickly stench of paint-cleaner, seeping from an overturned whiskey-bottle, filled the air. In one corner lay a great pile of water-colours, but every one was defaced with an angry streak of charcoal that ran from corner to corner. In another corner lay a low camp bed, strewn with empty bottles and tubes of paint, sketches in ink and pencil, paintbrushes, charcoal stubs, and a miscellany of clothes spotted with paint.

A broad beam of light entering through the skylight was focussed on an easel on which lay a lurid daub of a sunset almost completed. It far surpassed in brilliance and colour any other of the many sunsets that were scattered over the studio. The reds were as bright as rubies: the blues like forget-me-nots; the pinks exquisite in their delicate qualities: and all these colours were as intermingled and varied as a patchwork quilt. One more dab with the brush: one more survey of the picture, one tiny scrape with the knife—and it was finished! The artist stood back and gazed at his work, knife in hand. He said nothing. Suddenly a frown appeared on his face, and muttering an obscenity, he raised his knife and slashed the still-wet canvas to ribbons with savage strokes, crying "No! No!" with astonishing vehemence . . . He sat down on his bed, the red-stained knife still in his hand, and he wept wildly, passionately.

A solitary figure could now be seen going along a narrow path that bordered steep, white cliffs. He walked slowly but methodically with his head bowed, looking at a spot six inches in front of his dusty shoes. He was quite oblivious of the dizzy height of the cliff, although only separated from its edge by a wire fence, now rusty and bedecked with convolvulus. Far below, the sound of the breakers crashing on the beach mingled with the melodious murmurings of the backwash; the only sound of life was the scream-

ing of the seagulls as they allowed themselves to be blown about by the wind, sometimes pausing to dart towards the water, and then flying up again with their glittering prey between their beaks. But the man on the cliff-top was unseeing and unhearing.

He seemed to be infused with an air of despair and frustration: there was no gleam of intelligence in his eyes, and his movements appeared automatic and listless. His face was haggard, and covered with a network of wrinkles that were half-hidden by a stubbly beard and grime. The hands were his one redeeming feature: they were white—unnaturally white—long and sensitive, with long well-kept nails—the hands of an artist.

A cold wind suddenly sprang up from nowhere, and he shuddered. The day that once had been hot and sunny was slowly darkening into night, as the sun slowly but inevitably sank towards the horizon. The cliffs that had stood austere over the rippling tide were dark and foreboding; the sands appeared grey and unfriendly; the sea cold and black.

The man still walked against the skyline, never hurrying, never looking back. His feet found the stony path without hesitation; one foot following the other—left, right, left, right—he plodded inexorably towards his self-appointed fate. He reached the highest point of the cliff, and stopped. Nonchalantly, he stepped off the path and squeezed his way between the wires of the fence that skirted the cliff. Now he stood on the brink of the crumbling white precipice—a tall, thin silhouette, with his hair blown about by the wind, giving him the appearance of some grotesque figure-head of a Viking galley. He stood still and erect—and then his body began to sway slowly forwards

But, wait! He was motionless again, his eyes captured by a sunset—a sunset bizarre, spectacular, irresistible. The sky was like a giant palette, on which were glowing tints, and sudden blobs of colour mixed together by some mad artist. It was a riot of colour, dominated by greens: the blue-green of Spring and the tawny-brown-green of Autumn. There were gold-green, copper-green and orange-green, and all these greens were exotic beyond description. Yet, the richness, and the greenness passed even as he gazed upon them, going out of the pink-tinged clouds, and into the sea which now assumed the exquisite golden-pink of burnished copper, while the hollows of the smooth and silken ripples were played upon by an ethereal grass-green. The clouds now became a long, low swathe of ruby-red, while the reflection of the blue sky veneered the rippling surface of the sea which now appeared like watered silk.

The lone figure at the top of the cliff gazed enraptured at this display of colour, until the sky had turned dark blue. Then he slowly turned round, pushed his way back through the fence as if in a dream, and wandered slowly down the path from whence he had come, murmuring “Green—green—more green!” ANON.

THE TEMPEST

by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Presented by the Dramatic Society on December 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1953.

CAST

Alonso	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	R. Howell
Sebastian	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	L. G. Beddison
Prospero	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	B. G. Binding
Antonio	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	R. N. Milligan
Ferdinand	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	L. J. Clark
Gonzalo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	L. Brittan
Adrian	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	M. Lipton
Francisco	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	J. M. Hoare
Caliban	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	D. Goldman
Trinculo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	M. T. Collins
Stephano	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	J. T. Farrand
Ship-master	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	M. J. Hutton
Boatswain	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	M. J. Ive
Miranda	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	R. W. Thomson
Ariel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	M. J. B. Gray
Iris	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	D. W. Bulstrode
Ceres	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	A. C. Langmead
Juno	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	C. Ridge

Sailors, Spirits, Singers, and Dancers :

A. G. Brice.	E. D. Humphrey.	A. J. F. Groom.
D. P. Gilby.	G. J. B. Benfield.	H. J. Godfrey.
C. G. Allen.	P. A. Doherty.	M. P. Rose.
C. F. Muteau.	A. R. Friedman.	C. G. Brewer.
D. W. Bulstrode.		

BACKSTAGE

Prompter	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	A. G. Richardson.
Call Boy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	D. M. Shewry.
Stage Hands	...	...	...	D. L. Buckle,	N. D. Hatfield,	M. Tappin.		
Scenery Construction	...	...	...	G. C. Hickman Esq.,	R. Goldthorpe.			
Scene painting	...	...	...	J. A. Hood-Daniel Esq.,	and others.			
Electricians	...	M. L. James,	E. R. Bastin,	R. B. Lyle,	C. L. Barnfather.			
Musicians	...	Dr. E. A. McLellan,	I. D. Keen,	C. N. Stacey,	D. J. Fawcett.			
Make-up	...	...	...	J. W. Lear Esq.,	B. G. Slattery Esq.,	& others.		
Costumes	...	...	J. McNair Esq.,	N. R. Read,	G. Rogers,	P. Oppenheimer.		
Business Manager	...	...	...	...	...	T. L. Sanderson Esq.		
Stage Director	...	...	...	...	...	J. W. Lear Esq.		
Stage Manager	...	...	...	...	...	R. L. F. Sexton Esq.		
Programmes	...	...	...	P. D. Lewis,	M. J. Long,	M. J. Pringle.		

The Play Produced by
Messrs. H. L. B. Moody and W. A. Nicholas.

THE TEMPEST



THE FINAL CURTAIN

"The Tempest," usually considered the last play that he wrote ("Our revels now are ended"), although without the strong melodramatic action of earlier plays, is perhaps the finest synthesis of the dramatic themes that interested Shakespeare most deeply. Prospero, the omniscient and omnipotent, is presented as restoring peace, love and harmony to 'the world,' which has been disrupted by the 'tempest' of pettiness, envy, and ambition.

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This production, it was generally agreed by members of the audience, was one of the most finished and successful works of the School Dramatic Society for several years. It is certainly worth considering and criticising as a serious attempt to re-create the play, and deserves to escape being discussed in terms of the individual performances of everybody's friends and relations.

What was most impressive was the successful way in which the predominant mood of the play was conveyed—an old man's triumphant, though slightly tired and resigned, review and summary of his own life. This was particularly moving in the difficult last scene, the slowness of which had a royal stateliness, and was not allowed to become tedious. This was due both to the carefully controlled movements of the actors and their disposal about the stage, to the tactful use of appropriate music, and to the manner of speaking and moving adopted by G. B. Binding in acting Prospero. In spite of the fact that many of the speeches must have been, at a first hearing, beyond their comprehension, the audience had their attention very well held by the majestic, falling movement of the conclusion.

The main fault of the production lay in the fact that this final synthesis did not appear as important and significant as it might have done, because the audience had not been compelled to feel the full force of the oppositions which were being resolved. The production made the play more static than it need have been. The opening storm-scene, which could give the key to much of the play, was wasted; the excessive noise and darkness obscured not only the speeches, but (more important) the persons of the actors on the stage, with the result that the scene's function in relation to the rest of the play was not all established. This may be partly blamed also upon the fact that full value was not given to the very important transitional speeches of Miranda at the beginning of the second scene. R. W. Thomson spoke the lines clearly and with some force, but, for obvious reasons, failed to communicate the bewildered tenor of a very delicate feminine sensibility. The contrast between the first and second scenes was, therefore, so abrupt and absolute as to become meaningless.

But perhaps more harmful than this failure to use the storm-scene was the upsetting of the balance between the different groups of characters who are to be reunited. The powerful force of the

dynamic, disruptive Machiavellianism of the villains, Antonio and Sebastian, was not felt. The blame may be allowed to fall partly on the incomprehensibility to a modern audience of the jokes made by those villains at the expence of Gonzalo: the audience's attention could hardly be prevented from sagging here. But, even so, much more justice could have been done to the virility of Antonio's selfishness and evil ambition. The effect was that the conspiracy of Stephano, Trinculo, and Caliban, which was presented successfully and amusingly by all three actors, appeared too important and bulked too large, instead of being not very much more than a low parody of the nobles' crime. Also, the "Day of Judgement" scene, very well staged and arranged, could not appear to the audience with its proper significance as the critical turning-point of the play.

A less essential criticism (which refers more to the interpretation than to the performance) may be made of the failure to give the person of Prospero the full humanity which Shakespeare, I think, gives him. The tone of dignified, moralising resignation, which admittedly is the principal personal characteristic and was very successfully realised by G. B. Binding, was, nevertheless, too little varied. The audience was not made to feel that Prospero has been "struck to the quick." Nor was full justice done to his relationship with Ariel, his amused and tender fondness for whom is surely meant to relieve the character's solemnity and to stress his broad, sometimes almost genial, humanity. But Binding was not allowed sufficiently to relax here, and Ariel's delightfully impish character was not, perhaps, completely realised in M. J. B. Gray's otherwise amazingly efficient performance.

It must be emphasised that, when these criticisms are made, the standard being set is that of perfection, and no allowance at all is made for the obvious difficulties of boys' school dramatics. These criticisms must not be allowed to obscure the generally high level of the performance, which was almost completely free from the awkwardness and mistakes which might have been thought inevitable in school dramatics. Not only was the actors' speaking clear and audible, but also they allowed their delivery to be strictly controlled by the movement of Shakespeare's verse—a virtue often lacked by professionals. Only a few less experienced actors were at all faulty in intonation and distribution of emphasis, and G. B. Binding and J. T. Farrand notably brought out almost every ounce of meaning in their lines. L. J. Clark, too, spoke his lines very effectively, although it was difficult, with a male Miranda, to convey the trembling ardency and wonder of the love scenes. The producers' use of the small stage and of off-stage effects was, except in the storm-scene, never obstructive, always appropriate and often distinctly helpful. With the aid of generally good decor, they never allowed the appearance of the play to be slapdash or

confused, and, at the important places (in the "Judgement" scene, for instance) successful scenic effects were constructed to underline the meaning of the play. It would be mean to grumble at their inexperience in choreography, especially since their control of the actors' movements outside the dancing was very sure and almost always right. The great virtue of the production (a virtue which the old Vic producers, with all their extra advantages, would do well to seek) was the firm control of the play's movement and development: there were few lapses of interest, or breaks in the smooth running of the play, the pace was relevantly varied, and, if the point of an occasional scene was allowed to be lost, the feeling of the play as a whole was accurately conveyed, and that was a very real achievement.

J. M. NEWTON.

Correspondence

LETTER FROM TASMANIA

8th September, 1953

39, Brooker Avenue,
Moonah, Hobart,
Tasmania.

"We are on holiday at the moment and spend most of our time working on the boats as the sailing season opens in about five weeks which means we shall be racing every Saturday afternoon in the Bellerive Yacht Club races. When I say we, I mean the Seniors. We have three "Snipe" class sailing dinghies which sail "four-up." The Juniors have two large gigs, and two rowing dinghies.

When the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Tasmania in February, the State Headquarters have been asked to supply Queen's Scouts to act as escorts and doing general duties for the royal couple around Tasmania. If my luck holds, I hope to crash in on this. Keith Wells, one of our Senior P.L's, went with the party of Australian Queen's Scouts to the Coronation and was away for about three months. During the Coronation people flocked into Hobart, and I've never seen so many people here as there were then. It was 9.30 p.m. Australian Eastern Standard Time when the Queen was crowned and it was announced by loud-speakers all over the city. The resulting roar was almost deafening. Down at the wharves, all the ships blew their sirens, and the din was like the old air raid sirens back home. In the morning, the Governor, Sir Ronald Cross took the salute at a parade of the Army, Navy and Air Force. A "*feu-de-joie*" (whew! what a mouthful) was fired by National Servicemen of the 17th Training Battalion, a 21 gun salute by the 6th Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery, and a fly-past of three Canberra jet bombers of the R.A.A.F.

"By the way, what did you think of the cricket? In spite of having been here for more than a year, I must say that I was mighty pleased when England won the Ashes. The interest in the matches is very intense here. It was nothing unusual for people to be yawning at school because they had sat up to listen to the cricket commentaries. I think that since I have been here, I have been more interested in cricket than ever before even though I do rowing instead of cricket as a summer sport. For winter sport I play Australian Rules Football, which is played on oval pitches with 18 men a side and is a faster game than Rugby. I played most of the present season with the Reserve First team and occasionally the First for the School.

"My brother is doing well, and surprised everyone by getting 12 out of a possible of 13 points in the last examinations."

KEITH BURREN.

LETTER FROM AMERICA

The Taft School,
Waterton,
Conn., U.S.A.

"I arrived in New York on the 21st of September after a rather rough Atlantic crossing in the *Queen Mary*. The E.S.U. party then managed to complete a quick tour of New York City which unfortunately did not include the Empire State Building. However, we saw practically everything else of interest and retired to bed at an exceedingly late hour. The next day I arrived at Taft after a two-hour train ride through the beautiful New England countryside.

"The School is about twice the size of H.A.H.S., and has about three hundred and fifty students. The facilities include an ice-hockey rink, three football pitches, a baseball diamond and a golf course, but oddly enough there is no swimming pool. This term I am learning American football which vaguely resembles Rugby and I hope to play ice-hockey in the winter.

"The work at Taft is harder than I had contemplated but I am in a class where the average age is a year older than mine. This year I am taking English, U.S. History, Mathematics and German, with Public Speaking and Religion as compulsory subsidiaries.

"I saw Robert Milligan at a farewell party in London just before I left and I understand that I passed Michael Ginn in mid-Atlantic!

"Mr. Beynon is about a hundred miles away and I have not yet met him. I hope to do this in the near future.

"I miss many things here in America, but nevertheless contemplate a very enjoyable and interesting year."

JOHN MILLMAN.

Valete.

SUMMER, 1953.

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LVb—SAVAGE, A. G.

Vc—LEVENE, M. H.

IVs—GUNDLACK, V.

IVa—ELDRIDGE, G. C.

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- KEEN, M. J. Foundation Scholar, (1946-53)—VIa Science Special. Calverts. School Prefect, 1952-53. House Captain 1952-53. 1st XV, 1952-53. 1st XXX Colours, 1951-53, Cross Country team 1950-53. Colours 1950-53. Athletics team 1951-53. C.C.F. Basic Section; Cert "A" Part I. R.A.F. Section. Proficiency, 1951. Flight Sergeant, 1952-53. Cottesmore 1952. Dance Committee, 1949-50. C.C.F. (R.A.F. Section), Cert "A" Part I 1950. Proficiency, 1951. 1952-53. Choir, 1946-47 Dramatic Society, "Hamlet", "The Alchemist."

Operatic Society, "Iolanthe," "Ruddigore." Music Society, 1951. Christian Union, 1950-53. Science Society, 1950-53, Mathematics Society, 1951-52. Geography Society, 1950-53, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion, 1949. Science Librarian, 1952-1953. Christmas Islanders, 1953. S.C.M. Conferences 1952, 1953. British Schools Exploring Society's Expedition to Iceland, 1951. G.C.E. O Level, 1951; A Level and State Scholarship, 1952. *Entrance to University College, Oxford.*

ATTENBOROUGH, A. (1951-53)—VIa Science. Russells. Sub-Prefect, G.C.E., A. Level, 1953. Swimming Team 1952-53, Vice-Capt. and Hon. Sec., 1952, Capt. 1953. Colours, 1952-53; S.S.U.; R.L.S.S. Award of Merit; British Red Cross Society 1st Aid Certs., Elem. and Adv. Level; Hornsey School of Arts & Crafts Cert.

Home Address: 48, Birley Road, Whetstone, N.20.

BANCROFT, J. M. (1946-53)—VIa Modern Special. Joblings. Sub-Prefect. 2nd XV, 1951-52. 1st XXX Colours, 1952. Cross Country team, 1952. Boat Club, 1949-50. C.C.F. R.A.F. Section. Cert "A" Part I 1950. Proficiency, 1951. Advanced Training Badge, 1952. Chivenor, 1951. Cranwell, 1952. Seal 1949. Natural History Society. Sociological Society, 1952. Chess Club. C.E.W.C. Conference at Haus Schwalback, Germany. Assistant Librarian 1950. School Certificate, 1950. G.C.E. A Level, 1952. *Entrance to University College, London.* Home address: 74, Bush Grove, Stanmore, Middlesex.

BREEDON, C. W. (1945-53) —VIa Science. Hendersons. Sub Prefect, Tennis, 1st VI, 1952-53. 2nd VI, 1952-53. Captain, 2nd VI, 1953. 1st VI, Colours, Wimbledon Public Schools Week, 1953. C.C.F. (Army Section, C.Q.M.S. Cert. "A" Parts I and II (War) Fingrinhoe Camp, 1952. Ruggenburt—Montreaux, 1951, Lugano, 1952. Elsinore, 1953. Science Society. Music Society, Christian Union. Dramatic Society. School Certificate 1950. G.C.E. A Level, 1952-53. Inter B.Sc. *Entrance to University College, Leicester.*

Home address: 50, Wellesley Road, Harrow, Middlesex.

FREEMAN, M. M. R. (1946-53)—VIa Science Special. Russells. Sub-Prefect. 1st XV, 1951-52. 1st XXX Colours, 1950-53. Athletics team, 1952-53. Vice-captain. Hon. Sec., 1953. R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion, 1950. B.R.C.S First. Aid Elementary and Advanced Certificates, 1950. Proficiency, 1951. British Schools' Exploring Society, Iceland Expedition, 1952. Representative to London Natural History Society, 1949-53. S.S.U., Section Leader. Campcraft Instructor. Science Society. Geographical Society. Biology Society. Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 1951-52. Chairman, 1952-53. Canoe Club, Hon. Sec. 1952-53. Bisham Abbey, 1950-51. G.S.C. and Matriculation, 1950. G.C.E. A Level, and Inter B.Sc., 1952. *Entrance to Reading University.*

Home address: 29, Mount Pleasant Road, N.W.10.

RIDGE, N. (1946-53)—VIa Science Special. Russells. Sub-Prefect. Boat Club, 1st VIII, 1951-53, Stroke, 1952-53. Colours, 1952-53. 1st IV, 1952-53. Club Secretary, 1952-53. C.C.F. (Army Section). Sgt., Cert "A" Parts I and II (War), Cert "T" (R.E.). Longmoor, 1952. Ashburton team, 1950-53. Schools Hundred, 1952. Small Bore 1st VIII, 1953. Crowborough, 1950. Pirbright, 1951. Fingrinhoe, 1952. Dibgate, 1953. Science Society. School Choir, 1952-53. Operatic Society, "Ruddigore," 1953. Saas-Fée, 1950. G.C.E. O Level, 1951. A Level, 1952. *National Service.*

SKRIMSHIRE, A. J. H. (1945-53)—VIa Science Special. Calverts. School Prefect, 1953. House Vice-captain, 1952-53. 2nd XI, 1951-53. 1st XXII Colours 1951-53. Cross Country team, 1951-53. Vice-captain and Secretary, 1953. Colours, 1953. C.C.F. (Army Section). Cpl., Cert "A" Parts I and II. Classified Signaller. Cadet Assistant Instructor. School Projectionist, 1951-52. School Choir, 1945-47. Dance Committee, 1952-53. Science Society. Cadbury 1951. Catterick, 1952. *Food Chemist.*

Home address: 42, Carlton Avenue, Kenton, Middlesex.

TURNER, C. W. (1946-53)—VIa Science. Russells. Senior sub-Prefect. 1st XI, 1953, 1st XXII Colours, 1951-53, Captain of Fives, 1952-53, School IV, 1953. Vice-captain of Basketball, 1952-53. School team, 1951-53. Colours 1953. Boxing team, 1947-49. C.C.F. (Naval Section), 1950-51, (R.A.F. Section), 1951-53. Cert "A" Part I, 1950. Proficiency 1952, Advanced Proficiency, 1953. Science Society. Geographical Society. Woodwork Society. Cranborough, 1950. Cottesmore, 1952. G.C.E. O Level, 1951, A Level, 1952. *Scholarship to E.M.I. Institute, London.*
Home address: 585, Kenton Road, Kenton, Middlesex.

TROTT, K. F. (1946-53)—VIa Science. Meadows. Privileged Sixth Form. General Certificate of Education. O Level, 1951. A Level, 1953. School Choir, 1946-49, R.S.C.M. Festival, Canterbury, 1948. Dramatic Society productions, "Hamlet," "The Rivals." C.C.F. Basic Section, Cert "A" Part I. (R.A.F. Section). Sergeant, Proficiency and Advanced Training Certificates. "B" Gliding Certificate, Langley. Chivenor, 1951. Cranwell and Cottesmore, 1952. Dyce, 1953. Radio Familiarisation Course, Compton Bassett, 1953. Sociological Society, Secretary, 1952-53. Science Society Committee, 1951-53, Treasurer, 1952-53. Stamp Club, President, 1951-52. Fives Club. Chess Club. Assistant Science Librarian.

VERBOV, J. L. (1946-53)—VIa Science. Calverts. Sub-Prefect. Science Librarian, 1952-53. Biology Society. Secretary and Treasurer, 1952. Science Society. Chess Club. C.C.F. (Army Section). Cert "A" Part I and II. S.S.U. British Red Cross Society, (Elementary Certificate). G.C.E. O Level, 1951, A Level, 1953.
Home address: 29, Greenfield Gardens, N.W.2.

S. A. CROSSICK, VIa. Modern.. Joblings, 1946-53. Privileged Sixth Form General Certificate of Education (Ord. Level) 1952, (Adv. Level) 1953. Chief School Librarian. 1st V (Basketball) 1951-52-53, Colours 1952-53, Captain 1952-53. 2nd XI, 1953, 1st XXII Colours. 1st VI (Tennis) 1952-53, 1st XII Colours. School Doubles Championship, 1953. S.S.U. *Major County Award and Entrance to University College, London.*
Home Address : 69, Glendale Avenue, Edgware, Middlesex.

BURGESS, J. M. (1946-53)—VIb Science. Calverts. VIth Form Privileges. C.C.F. (Army Section) L/Cpl. Cert "A" Parts I and II. Pirbright 1951. Shorncliffe, 1953. School Choir, 1946-48. Boxing team, 1948-53. Junior Colours, 1948-49. Ribbon Colours, 1953. House Athletics team, 1953. House XV, 1952. House XI 1952-53, 3rd XI, 1952. 1st XI, 1953. Science Society. Geographical Society. Christian Union. G.C.E. O Level, 1952. *Student Apprenticeship to G.E.C., Birmingham.*
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AUTUMN, 1953

VIa Modern—BARTON, A. R., BINDING, G. B., ROTHEROE, J. W., LINCOLN, M. A.
VIa Science—FINE, L. S., GINN, M. C.

VIb Modern—BATE, A., BERWICK, R. K., BIRN, P., HEISSIG, H. N., MATHIAS, V. J., MAYLETT, B. E., POWELL, I., WOOD, B. R.

VIb Science—Kedgley, D. R., Ovens, R. F., West, F. I.

Va—CLAFF, M. W., CLAY, J. R., HALEY, J. I., LEE, A., MARINO, P. P., PETTIT, A., SMITH, B. S.

Vb—PRYKE, T. J., WEITZMAN, P.

IIIb—PITTS, A.

IIb—CRAMB, M. E.

BINDING, G. B. (1948-53)—VIa Modern Special. Russells. School Prefect, 1953. House Captain, 1953. Boat Club, 1st VIII, 1952-53. Half-colours, 1952, Colours, 1953. C.C.F. (Army Section), Sgt. Cert "A" Parts I and II (War). Pirbright, 1951. Fingrinhoe, 1952. Shorncliffe, 1953. Dramatic Society, "Hamlet," 1948, "The Alchemist," 1949, "The Rivals," 1950. "St. Joan," 1951. "The Tempest," 1953. Music Society, Christian Union. Abbott Club. S.C.M. Conferences, 1950, and 1952. Assistant Editor of "THE SKYLARK," 1952-53. Assistant Librarian, 1952. Founder member, and second secretary of the "Christmas Islanders" Dance Committee, 1951-53. G.C.E. O Level, 1951. A Level, 1953. State Scholarship. *Open Exhibition Downing College, Cambridge.*

Home address: 36a, Station Road, N. Harrow, Middlesex.

BARTON, A. L. (1946-53)—VIa Modern. Calverts. G.C.E. O Level, 1952. S.S.U. Dramatic Society, "St. Joan," 1951. "Richard II," 1952. Operatic Society, "Pirates of Penzance," 1952. Music Society, Assistant Secretary, 1951-52. Secretary, 1953. Printing Society. Christian Union.

ROTHEROE, J. W. (1948-53)—VIa Modern. Hendersons. G.C.E. O Level, Hist., Geog., Eng. Lang., Eng. Biology, Maths, French, Econ. Structure, 1951. A Level. Eng. Hist. Econ., 1953. C.C.F. (R.A.F. Section). Cpl. Cert "A" Part I. Proficiency, Advanced Training. Chivenor, 1951. Cottesmore, 1952. Gliding Course, Langley, 1952. "A" and "B" Certs. N.C.Os. Course, Detling, 1953. Fives, 1952-3. Vice-captain, 1953. Lower School Fives Coach. Canoe Club, B.C.U. Easter Meet, 1953. Christian Union, Dramatic Society, (Productions "St. Joan," "Richard II"). Geographical Society, Music Society, Natural Hist. Society, (Founder & Committee Member), Amateur Operatic Society "Ruddigore". School Choir, 1948-53. (Eton, 1949). Stamp Club. Sociological Society, (Treasurer, 1953). *To London School of Economics and Political Science, London University.*

Home address: 12, Barn Hill, Wembley Park, Middlesex.

GINN, M. C. (1946-53)—VIa Science. Junior Cricket team, 1949. C.C.F. (R.A.F. Section), Cert "A" Part I. Proficiency, 1952. Gliding, "A" and "B" Certificates. Staff Cadet, Langley, 1952. Hullavington, Cranwell, Cottesmore. C.C.F. Representative S.B.A.C. Farnborough, 1952. Dramatic Society. "The Rivals." Make-up staff, 1948-53. Saas-Fée, 1949, S.S.C. Bronze Medal. Stuben, 1950. Saas-Fée, 1951. Photographic Circle, Assistant Sec. 1951. English-Speaking Union Scholarship to Williston Academy, Mass. U.S.A. Trotman Exhibition, Graduation with honours, 1953. *Officer Cadetship at Cranwell.*

BERWICK, R. K. (1948-53)—VIb Modern. Meadows. Boat Club, 1951-53. Junior VIII, 1952. 3rd VIII, 1953. School Choir, 1948-51. Operatic Society, "Iolanthe," 1951. C.C.F. (Army Section), Armoury L/Cpl. Cert "A" Part I and II (War). Armourers Course, Mill Hill, 1953. C.C.F. Band, 1952-53. Fingrinhoe, 1952. Shorncliffe, 1953. Geography Society, 1952-53. Motor Enthusiasts' Club, 1952-53. *Banking.*

Home address: 7, Yew Tree Close, N.12.

MATHIAS, V. J. (1948-53)—VIb Modern. Hendersons. Tennis Club. Fives Club. C.C.F. (R.A.F. Section). Cert "A" Part I. Dramatic Society, "St. Joan," 1951, "Richard II," 1952. Sociological Society. Paris, 1953.

Home address: 25, Jeymer Avenue, Willesden Green.

WOOD, B. R. (1946-53)—VIb Modern. Calverts. 1st XV, 1952-54. 3rd XI, 1952-53. Boxing team, 1948. Basketball team, 1951-54. Athletics team, 1951-53. 1st Class Intermediate Proficiency Badge. C.C.F. (Army Section). Cert "A" Part I. S.S.U. Jazz Club. Sociological Society. Stamp Club. Cadbury, 1951. G.C.E. O Level, 1953.

School Charity, 1953

Cheques have been sent to the following Funds and Organizations as indicated;

The Lord Mayor of London's Flood and Tempest Relief Fund—£50;

The Westminster Abbey Restoration Appeal Fund—£20;

The Holland Flood Relief Fund—£10;

The National Canine Defence League—£10;

and *five pounds* each to

The British Red Cross and St. John Societies;

Dr. Barnado's Homes;

St. Andrew's Hospital, Dollis Hill;

The Royal Free Hospital;

The Royal Cancer Hospital;

The Friends of the Children of Great Ormond Street;

The Plastic Skin Hospital;

The National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis;

The National Spastics Association;

The Infantile Paralysis Fellowship;

The British Empire Leprosy Relief Association;

The Royal Society for Teaching and Training the Blind;

The Guide Dogs for the Blind;

The Church of England Children's Society;

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children;

The Jewish Board of Guardians;

The Korean Orphans Appeal Fund;

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution;

The British Sailors' Society;

The Greek Earthquake Relief Fund;

Special Collections resulted as follows:—

St. Martin's Christmas Fund (School Carol Service 1952);
£39 16s. 2d.

Alexandra Day; £3 8s. 11d.

British Legion's Haig Fund (poppies); £10 10s. 10d.

Total for the year, 1952-53; £243 15s. 11d.

HABERDASHERS' OLD BOYS' CLUB

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P. FREITAG (Tennis)		S. J. THOMPSON (Golf)

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Members will note that Mr. George Batchelor has relinquished his position as senior Vice-President in favour of Air Vice-Marshal T. N. McEvoy, in the hope that the latter will be able to assume the presidency while he is still stationed in London.

Forthcoming Events

Sat. Feb. 6th—ANNUAL DINNER at the School.

Weds. Mar. 17th—RUGBY CLUB'S ANNUAL DANCE: Hendon Hall Hotel.

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Mar. 23rd, 24th, 25th—THE MIKADO, presented by The School Operatic Society in the School Hall.

Sat. Mar. 27th—UPPER SCHOOL SPORTS at Chase Lodge.

Sat. July 10th—CRICKET and TENNIS MATCHES v. the School at Chase Lodge.

Fri. July 16th—ANNUAL LEAVERS' PARTY at the School.

Thurs. Oct. 7th—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND OLD BOYS' RE-UNION at the School.

Thurs. Oct. 21st—H.O.B.C. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE at Hendon Hall Hotel.

O.H. Sports Ground

(Croxdale Road, Theobald Street, Borehamwood.)

During the past year there have been big developments in connection with the 10½ acre O.H. Sports ground at Borehamwood. The new L.C.C. estate around the ground is now completed, which means that we are now surrounded by houses. Entrance to the ground is in a new side turning off Theobald Street and called Croxdale Road. The freehold has been sold to the L.C.C. and a lease granted by them on our larger area for 80 years duration. The £2,300 of first debentures issued by Old Haberdashers' Sports Ground Ltd. have been repaid. The Rugby Club and all future users of the ground, which next season will include the O.H. Cricket Club, owe to William C. Brett, the Chairman of the H.O. Sports Ground Ltd., and to A. N. Bonwick, its secretary, a debt of gratitude for their services to the company over many years. Mr. Brett was an original shareholder in the company when it was formed in 1936 to take legal ownership of the ground.

The Cricket Club by its own efforts and savings has had a new square laid down at Elstree which, though still in an embryo state, gives promise of providing a first-class playing area in the future. Discussions are taking place between representatives of the Rugby and Cricket Clubs which are intended to devise the means for maintaining a first-class summer and winter sports ground in the future. It is hoped that all Old Boys will make the ground a regular visiting place and a meeting place for Old Haberdashers of all ages. So far, the Rugby Club has borne the whole financial burden of running the ground and the excellent pavilion and it would like to thank all those Old Boys who have helped by becoming honorary non-playing members. In future years other O.H. clubs may help by sharing the burden.

O.H. Rugby Football Club

President: S. E. PHILLIPS

Hon. Treasurer: M. J. JACKMAN, 22 Crawford Avenue, Wembley.

Hon. Secretary: A. G. JENKINS, 36, Fordington Road, Highgate, N.6

Approaching the halfway-stage, the 1953-54 Rugby season again leaves something to be desired as regards results. The 1st XV started well with victories over Old Dunstonians, K.C.S. Old Boys and R.N.C. Greenwich. Followed a narrow defeat by Old Alleynians in a game which might well, according to impartial critics, have gone the other way. But London University completely overran us and we had a similar experience at the hands of the strong Metropolitan Police XV. The loss of John Barnes, who has taken up an appointment in Malaya, has robbed the outsiders of what little thrust they had and the forwards who started the season with commendable dash have become ineffectively docile. The heeling is slow, though Roger Parker, the Captain, usually obtains a fair share of the ball in the tight scrums, and slow passing and indeterminate running by the backs tells its own tale in the points scored in the first eleven games—only 31 to 92 against.

The A XV has again done well on most occasions and the Extra A looks a really good side at times, and here there is material which promises well for the future. The B XV and the C have also put up some good performances though their form is not consistent. At times it has been a great struggle to find enough players for the C XV, and this in a season when it had been hoped to run a sixth side for which we now have the full facilities at Elstree.

The Club congratulates the School XV on the best season it has enjoyed for some years and may they note that there are places for outstanding players in the O.H. 1st and A XVs. But it usually takes a season or two for a player from School to settle down to Club rugger, and the Old Boys are specially anxious to keep in touch with those who may go straight from School into the Forces. O.H.R.F.C. has built up for itself a proud position in London rugger and it is up to those from the School to uphold and strengthen this status. Pace, weight and fitness are all much needed qualities to improve our playing strength, and the training facilities so kindly provided by the School authorities are not as fully used as they should be. We hope that the second half of the season will yield improved results and that new players being tried in the senior XV will make the grade—no easy task in this class of rugger.

Chief games at home (Theobald Street, Borehamwood) in the second half of the season are:

1954		
Jan.	2	1st XV v. Streatham
"	9	A XV v. London Welsh A
"	16	1st XV v. Old Haileyburians (k.o. 10.30)
"	23	A XV v. Saracens A
"	30	1st XV v. Rugby (k.o. 10.30)
Feb.	6	A XV v. Middlesex Hospital A
"	13	International at Twickenham
"	20	1st XV v. Birmingham
"	27	A XV v. U.S. Chatham Ex 1st
Mar.	6	1st XV v. Old Emanuel
"	13	A XV v. Old Askeans A
"	20	1st XV v. St. Thomas's Hospital
"	27	1st XV v. Old Whitgiftians
April	3	1st XV v. Sidcup
"	10	A XV v. Old Blues A

Results to w/e 5/12/53.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
					For	Against
1st XV	11	3	7	1	31	95
A XV	11	6	3	2	108	71
Ex. A XV	11	8	3	—	150	63
B XV	11	6	4	1	124	84
C XV	9	2	6	1	71	129
Totals	53	25	23	5	484	442

Annual Rugby Dinner

The Rugby Club's Annual Dinner was held after the School matches as usual at Hendon Hall Hotel on December 5th, when a company of 120 included the President of Middlesex Rugby Football Union, Mr. R. H. O'Brien, and representatives of the Old Alleynian, Old Blues, Old Cranleigh, Old Dunstonians, Old Merchant Taylors, Old Millhillian, Old Pauline, K.C.S. and U.C.S. Old Boys clubs in addition to the Head Master, the School Captain and the School Captain of Football. Col. Brunton, President of the Rugby Football Union, was unable to make the long journey from Newcastle and Mr. O'Brien responded to the toast of the evening ably proposed by W. T. A. Cox. Mr. S. E. Phillips, the President, called for a silent toast in honour of those who had passed on during the year, including "Smiler" Phillips to whom a tribute appears in this issue. L. H. Phillips was the first elected captain of the Club in 1923 although he had almost immediately to hand over his duties to A. C. Mann.

The Club was honoured to note the presence of a School Governor, Alderman W. R. Clemens, stalwart of the old "Soccer" club, and also of Messrs. Bovington and Gainsborough (senior). All parents of members or of boys at the School are welcome to this function.

O.H. Athletic Club

(Affiliated to the A.A.A.)

Hon. Team Captain & Chairman: J. G. STAGG, 70, Chambers Lane,
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Hon. Secretary: B. A. GOODMAN, 42, St. Gabriels Road, N.W.2.
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The Club opened the season with the annual Athletics Match against the School on May 5th. The weather remained ideal throughout the evening for the competitors, organisers and the many spectators who attended. Up to the Relay the score was almost level, and a victory for the Club in this event gave the first win of the Season, although only by the exceedingly narrow margin of one point, reversing the result of last year when the School beat the Club, likewise by a single point. The School were once again the hosts of the evening which was very well organised by all concerned.

Serious flooding unfortunately prevented the match against the Old Gaytonians being held. The third fixture was a triangular one with one of London's leading Clubs—Shaftesbury Harriers, and a Club in the Industrial League on July 22nd. The weather was appalling, and it rained continuously for the first half of the evening. The events were nevertheless held, but actual scoring was abandoned; the Club put up a very creditable performance, greatly helped by many of the Juniors. Ironically enough, the sun blazed forth during the final phases of the evening.

Some members represented the Club in an open afternoon at Leyton in July. Mention must be made of the astonishing progress of one member, V. C. Matthews, during the season. Among just a few of his many successes were:—

1. Junior Champion in the A.A.A. 120 yds. Hurdles.
2. Fourth in the A.A.A. 120 yds. Senior Hurdles, in which he competed against such International athletes as Hildreth and Vine.
3. Third in the A.A.A. Championships of the Decathlon.
4. First in the Southern Area of the A.A.A. Championships in the Decathlon.
5. First reserve for the 120 yds. Hurdles in the floodlit International Athletics Match London v Stockholm in September at the White City, in which some of the finest athletes in both countries took part.

Stricter training by other members may result in other Old Haberdashers hitting the Sporting Headlines!!! To return to a more serious vein, it is hoped that the Club will continue to receive support from both Juniors and Seniors for 1954; fixtures are already

being prepared and it is hoped to increase the strength of the Club beyond its present figure of thirty-two members. Further details in regard to membership can be obtained from John Stagg or Brian Goodman, whose addresses are given above.

O.H. Basket Ball

Proposals have been submitted to the H.O.B.C. Committee to form a Basket Ball section of the Club. The Committee requested further details of promised support and proposed rules of the Section before considering the question of an initial grant. Any Old Boys interested in the game should notify their names and addresses to one of the Joint Hon. Secretaries of the H.O.B.C.

O.H. Cricket Club

Captain: D. A. BLESSLEY, 7, Oakmead Gardens, The Hale, Edgware.

Tel.: MILhill 5151.

Hon. Secretary: R. M. SHELDON, 64, Cranley Gardens, Palmers Green, N.13.

The 1953 season proved a very successful one and the playing record showed a big improvement. Still more important is the fact that the standard of play has been raised by the appearance of a number of new regular players of whom D. Kenward, D. Gainsborough and G. Ward, the vice-captain, have done particularly well.

With the near completion of a "table" at Elstree on the Old Boys' sports ground and regular home and away fixtures for two XI's the Club can look forward to taking its place among the stronger Club sides in North London.

An appeal is urgently made for more players among School "leavers" and Old Boys and for support during the coming summer when one of the teams will be playing at Elstree each Sunday.

RESULTS: FIRST XI.

Remaining 1953 results (first five appeared in our last issue),

Old Merchant Taylors	205 for 6*—165	Won by 40 runs
Old Rutlishians	86—206 for 6*	Lost by 120 runs
Albanian Association	20—22 for 1	Lost by 9 wickets
School	102 for 7—99	Won by 3 wickets
Old Albanians	111—112 for 3	Lost by 8 wickets
Royal London Mutual Insurance	131—95	Won by 36 runs
Bledlow	126 for 4—124	Won by 6 wickets
Mill Hill Village (at Chase Lodge)	97 for 4—96	Won by 6 wickets
Mill Hill Village	57—108	Lost by 51 runs
Sinclairians (at Chase Lodge)	162 for 9 *—78	Won by 84 runs
North Mymms	73—104	Lost by 31 runs

* Declared.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
16	9	6	1

SECOND XI.

School 2nd. XI	110—112 for 8	Lost by 2 wickets
Mill Hill Village	132—94 for 7	Drawn

O.H. Golfing Society

President: W. R. CLEMENS, Esq., F.C.A., J.P.

Captain: S. E. PHILLIPS, "Elbury," The Ridgeway, N.W.11.

Secretary: S. THOMPSON, 30, Brookland Hill, N.W.11.

Tel.: SPE 4441.

18 members attended a very successful meeting held by the Society at the Verulam Golf Club on the 3rd October last, under perfect weather conditions.

The Stableford Competition was won by Mr. Murray Walshe.

Our President, Mr. W. R. Clemens, has very kindly offered a Cup for the next Meeting which is to be held at the Royal Berkshire Golf Club on the 8th May 1954.

Any O.H. interested in joining the Society should contact the Secretary.

Haberdashers' Old Boys' Lodge, No. 3362

Secretary: J. N. GREEN, 37, Beaufort Road, Ealing, W.5.

By the time these notes appear in print, Percy Brooker will have completed his year as Master and will be able to look back on a year of useful work carried out in an excellent manner. He will have had the added pleasure of installing his brother James as his successor. The new Master has taken a keen interest in the affairs of the Old Boys Club and has served for some years on the Committee. He has the prospect of being kept busy during his term.

Elsewhere in this issue of "The Skylark" will be found a few words in the memory of Lewis H. (Smiler) Phillips whose sudden death was a shock to all his many friends. These words would not be complete without a reference to his activities in the Lodge. Although joining only fairly recently and still being some years from taking his first office, he had already given proof of his enthusiasm and ability to carry out the work and his fellow members had been looking forward to the time when he would have occupied the highest office. He numbered amongst his friends all who came in contact with him.

O.H. News

News of Old Boys and their activities will be welcomed by the O.H. Correspondent of "The Skylark", A. G. Jenkins, 36, Fordington Road, Highgate, N.6., or can be sent direct to the Editors at the School.

Births

BLOWFIELD—On Oct, 1st. 1953 to Tess (née Viney), wife of J. B. Blowfield, (1929-33), a son (Charles David).

HARGRAVE—On Sept. 28th 1953 at St. Mary Abbots Hospital, Kensington, to Pat (née Gough), wife of Ralph Hargrave, a daughter.

Marriage

LLOYD-COOPER—On November 16th 1953, at the Church of St. Mary Woolnoth, Lombard Street, E.C.3., Gilbert Lloyd (1917-24) to Miss Joyce Cooper of Loughton, Essex.

Obituary

Their contemporaries at the School during the years before the 1914 war will have heard with regret of the deaths of A. C. Mowle and L. H. Phillips.

ALFRED MOWLE—Captain of Meadows and a School Prefect, who won an Open scholarship in Natural Science to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, left School in 1915 and served throughout the war in France as a Sergeant in the R.A.M.C., being awarded the Military Medal. From Cambridge he went on to St. Thomas's Hospital, qualifying M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. and taking the Cambridge M.B. After holding resident medical posts in this country, he spent four years in Cyprus and returned to England in 1931, when he settled in Devizes, where he remained for the rest of his life.

Many tributes in the medical and Wiltshire press testify to the esteem in which he was held by the medical profession, and he took a leading part in the discussions before the advent of the National Health Service; but it was as the very quiet and very gentle doctor that his patients knew and loved him, and for those qualities that his friends will remember him.

LEWIS PHILLIPS—Vice-Captain of the School, Captain of Hendersons, a School Prefect, Captain of Cricket, Captain of Football, School Sports Champion, left school in 1915, and served in France as a Gunner officer in the Royal Field Artillery. It was no surprise to his friends when, in 1918, he received the award of the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In the citation of that award it was recorded "His courage and example under fire steadied all ranks. . .".

After taking the degree of B.sc. at London University, he devoted his talents as a scientist in industry where he made his career. He never lost his enthusiasm for anything he undertook, and for the discussion of any new topic. He was always the gay companion, and to the last was "Smiler" to his friends, who will miss him so much. Representatives of the Old Boys' Lodge, the O.H. Rugby Football Club, and the School were among the large company which attended his funeral at the Jewish Cemetery, Golders Green.

W. F. S.

More recent Old Boys will hear with regret of the untimely death of :

DENNIS RYAN BRODIE (1941-48)—who died on December 21st last. He was a member of VI A Science, a Sub-Prefect, a

Sergeant in the J.T.C., and gained his 1st XV Colours. Since leaving School he had been employed by the De Havilland Aircraft Company and was an active member of the Old Boys' Rugger Club to whom his death in the early twenties comes as a great shock.

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MRS. EDITH MARION FREEMAN—the wonderful old lady, to whom we paid tribute in our last issue on reaching her hundredth birthday on January 24th last, died at her home in St. Ives, Cornwall on 13th November, 1953. Her connection with the School, through her six sons, dated back to 1886—a span of nearly 70 years! Only last July her fourth son, Mr. Arnold Freeman (1892-1904), who is a Director of the Sheffield Little Theatre and Warden of the Sheffield City Settlement, and was Captain of the School from 1903-1904, spoke at the School's Commendation Day proceedings. Her third son, Sir Ralph Freeman (1888-1897), was the designer of the great Sydney Harbour Bridge and other bridges described in the new book by H. Shirley-Smith (O.H.); Sir Ralph died three years ago.

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Freeman's surviving sons and daughters and to her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their loss. We salute the passing of a great lady.

Personal

- N. PETER BROWN, now with a paper firm in Linlithgow, is still a Lieut. Cmdr. in the R.N.V.R. and this year took command of H.M.S. Mersey at the Fleet Review in June. He had the honour of meeting Her Majesty the Queen and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh on board the "Surprise." Peter Brown has been awarded the Coronation Medal.
- J. E. SERBY (1914-20) has been appointed by the Minister of Supply to be Director-General of Guided Weapons. John Serby was previously Deputy Director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough.
- H. J. TIERNEY, now holding a business appointment in Manchester, has been making some highly successful appearances in the Radio programme "What Do You Know?"
- R. MYERS, (1933-39). We feel sure that many old school friends of Ronald Myers will be pleased to learn he is now recording for Decca under the name of Ronnie Meede ("Honey Darling" and "Hey Joe" on Decca F.10167) and would wish him every success for the future.
- H. SHIRLEY SMITH, O.B.E., M.INST. C.E., who will be remembered by those who were at the School during World War 1, tells the story of bridge-building from earliest times in his new book

THE WORLD'S GREAT BRIDGES (published by Phoenix House). Illustrated with 43 photographs, many of them unique, and 24 drawings, the book has been very favourably reviewed by the technical press. Shirley-Smith follows in the distinguished footsteps, as bridge designer, of the late Sir Ralph Freeman, designer of Sydney Harbour Bridge to whom he dedicates his book.

Personalities of fifty years ago

FOOTBALL SEASON 1903-1904

Extract from; NOTICES OF THE PLAYERS

CLEMENS, W. R. is a hardworker at right back. He should carefully avoid heading in front of goal, and to be reliable at back he must become a safer kick.

LOUDOUN, R. A. played a much improved game at right half towards the end of the season, and is a promising player.

FREEMAN, A. J. has been captain for three seasons. At centre forward he is very fast, clever at getting through and a dead shot. As both captain and player he works hard, and is a splendid example to his team.

HUMPHREYS, A. W. renders excellent service at outside right. He has a thorough command of the ball, is very fast and centres and shoots accurately.

Editors' Note: All the above have honoured the School with their presence on at least one occasion during 1953, three taking part in the fiftieth anniversary celebrations at Westbere Road. W. R. Clemens is a Governor of the School and is a constant visitor. A. J. Freeman was present on Commendation Day and proposed the Vote of Thanks to Mr. J. B. Bamborough, M.A., (O.H.) Dean of Wadham College, Oxford, who presented the prizes.

It is worth noting that in 1903 the School 1st. XI (Soccer was then played) had a most successful season, being the first winners of the League Shield in the newly formed North London Secondary Schools' Football League.

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BRETT, W. C., who is happily still with us as a Governor of the School and ardent supporter of O.H. functions, was in 1903-1904 Hon. Entertainments-Secretary of the O.H. Club and was responsible for organising the first Cinderella Dance on January 16th. 1904, and the Annual Club Dinner on February 6th. 1904. Few men can have given such long and faithful service to their old School.

Register

Hon. Registrar: P. C. BROOKER, 39/43, Hall Place, Paddington, W.2.

The Registrar is always pleased to have particulars of changes of address and other alterations in registration particulars. Old Haberdashers who have not completed a Registration Form should apply for one.

The following who are in the Register appear to have changed their address; the Registrar would be pleased to have news of them.

BAXTER, E. H.
MALTBY, R. L.
ABBOTT, D. B.
JACOBS, J. C.
HOARE, P. G.

BURN, B.
PICKNETT, S. N.
BUTCHER, J. G.
ROBERTS, R. D.
JONES, R. E.

KIMBLE, P.
TRIMMER, E. J.
COHEN, M. H.
BURLEY, A.
PICKNETT, B. F.

Memories of an Old Stager

I left the School in 1907. When I joined I do not know, but it was some six or seven years earlier so that it must have been in the first year or two of this century. At that time the School had just left Hoxton and was housed in temporary buildings consisting of two old houses on the North side of the High Road, just past Cricklewood Lane, going towards Hendon. The playground consisted of the gardens of the houses, which had been stripped of every living thing either by design or destruction. The principal recollection I have was the fact that there was a feud between the boys of the School and the local lads, which led to many fights and necessitated the smaller boys being escorted out by the fifth and sixth forms.

This was whilst the present buildings were being completed. We moved into them a year or eighteen months after I joined and they were then considered the last thing in Schools. The move had been made so that the School should be in the Country, and in the Country it certainly was although difficult to believe now-a-days. Cricklewood was little more than a growing village. The High Road was bounded by hedges with one or two big houses standing back in their own grounds. The Crown was an ivy covered country pub with a horse trough in front, as was also the Windmill. By the side of the Windmill stood the forge where we as boys went to watch the smiths at work "making the sparks to fly." The garage, somewhat above Walm Lane, was then, or shortly after, turned into riding stables and it was there that I first threw a leg across a saddle. It was also along the High Road that the first motor bus was run by a Willesden Green cycle dealer named Colville and a pretty shaky affair it was! It was a single decker which continually broke down, to our intense interest and enjoyment!

The School itself stood in the midst of fields. To the north was the Home of Rest for Horses and beyond this, and on the far side of Cricklewood Lane, was Clitterhouse Farm. There were a few houses in Claremont Road but at the top of the hill it degenerated into a country lane. It was at Clitterhouse Farm that a two headed calf was born which could be seen for 6d. At the back of the School there was another farm, Dickins I think, and across it was a path which eventually led into West Hampstead Cemetery. Westbere Road was entirely unbuilt, to the best of my recollection, but Minster Road and Fordwych Road were then being built or had been built shortly before.

The playing fields then consisted of the ground at the back, which had a cinder running track around it and many a weary mile have I done upon it. The School then played 'soccer' and each form and each House had an afternoon in which to use the pitches, football or cricket, according to season. On Saturday afternoons the first or second elevens battled against St. Aloysius College, Stationers, Tollington or some other North London School. The annual Sports were held in these grounds to the accompaniment of a brass band, with marquees selling ginger pop. Similarly the swimming bath, which was quite a novel feature in a School, was used in turn by forms, frequently after School hours or in the early morning before School started, as is often the practice still.

Birdnesting was a popular hobby; as was also zoology, as the Hampstead tube was in course of construction and it was possible to go down the 90 ft. shaft, by favour of the Engineer or his foreman, and find fossils in the clay. A dead dog was also found one day and boiled to get his skeleton. I think this brought a certain amount of criticism from the Head as the effluvia proved rather overpowering. At any rate the hobby seemed less favoured after that and gradually died.

Mr. Hinton (dear old 'Soccer') was our Head, and 'Puggy' Stokes second in command as 6th form master. The fifth was under Mr. Russell (the music master) and the upper fourth under Mr. Calvert. Mr. Henderson had the upper third and Mr. Strouts the lower third. Those forms made up the Upper School, which wore a silver badge consisting of a shield forming part of the School Arms, while the Lower School wore a brass badge consisting of the supporters to the shield. Both Lower and Upper Schools wore these badges on a little black cap, perched on the back of the head. I always thought this was rather distinctive and personally I was sorry when it was discarded (after I left) for a much bigger blue affair.

The fees were practically nominal. I believe my Father paid £1 12s. 6d. a term, and although the fees were raised during the time I was at school they were not raised for pupils already at the School; they included, as now, all text books, which were issued from a library, and also all necessary exercise books. There were then about 500 boys in the School.

H.O.B.C.—Skylarks

In the past, Members have been asked to assist the Magazine Secretary by making advance payments for a number of issues. The majority have been good enough to co-operate. Some, however, have not; at the moment, there are arrears amounting to approximately £30. The Auditors have decided that this book loss must cease, and their decision has been approved by the Committee. It is therefore requested that from henceforth those Members concerned will make payments for at least two issues in advance. Alternatively they are asked to send notification of their wish to discontinue receiving the magazine. The Old Boys' Notes will be sent to these Members.

Notification of arrears is included where necessary. Those receiving such are asked to rectify the matter as soon as possible.

W. R. TANNER, *Hon. Treasurer.*

"The Skylark"

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D. P. Bureau

In order to fulfil the Club's commitments regarding the despatch of magazines and notes, the Magazine Secretary would greatly appreciate any up-to-date news of the current address of any of the following:

G. A. Baker	previously of	"Cassells," Longhope, Glos.
W. L. Boness	"	12, Maida Vale, W.9.
D. G. Cartwright	"	44, Egerton Gardens, N.W.4.
T. E. Cook	"	10, Woodford Crescent, Pinner, Middlesex.
A. H. Evans	"	79, Hillside Road, Northwood, Middlesex.
N. D. Humberstone	"	45, Roxborough Park, Harrow-on-the-Hill.
J. E. G. English	"	48, Lynwood Grove, Orpington, Kent.
M. W. Leonard	"	91, Woodcote Valley Road, Purley, Surrey.
D. Pangalos	"	79, Queen's Court, Queen's Way, W.2.
D. M. Phillips	"	23, Church Crescent, Church End, N.3.
E. J. B. Standerwick	"	26, Wardle Road, Sale, Cheshire.
A. E. G. Styles	"	117, Acton Vale, W.3.

Thanks are due to those who have written before forgetting, thus reducing the list. It would be appreciated if *you* also wrote now! Thank you.

Balance Sheet

31st July, 1953

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Life Subscriptions Account:				£100 3½ % War Stock at cost	99	16	3
Balance, 1-8-1952	1431	15	0	£400 3½ % Debenture, O.H.			
Received during year	17	15	0	Sports Ground Ltd, at cost	400	0	0
	1449	10	0	Capitation Fees received			
Less allocation to Income				after date	11	10	0
for year to date (1/50th)	28	19	9				
	1420	10	3	Cash at Midland Bank Ltd	131	19	9
Advance Subscriptions	105	3	6	Interest on War Stock not			
Advance Magazine Sub-				cashed	3	10	0
scriptions (less arrears due)	27	0	0				
Creditors:				Cash at Post Office	328	4	3
Young Members'	9	0		Income & Expenditure A/c:			
Dance				Deficit 1-8-52	650	1	6
Magazines and				„ on year	9	8	6
Notes	66	7	6				
Reunion	15	0	0		659	10	0
	81	16	6				
	1634	10	3		1634	10	3

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT — Year to 31st. JULY, 1953.

Cost of Magazines (122 & 123)				Subscriptions and			
posting and envelopes	96	6	8	Donations	94	7	1
Cost of O.H. Notes and				Subscriptions to			
posting	45	0	6	Magazines (122 & 123)	80	6	0
General Printing and Station-				Profit on Dance			
ery, Mailing Notices, Hon.				(younger members)	2	19	7
Registrar's and Treasurer's				Interest on:—			
Expenses and Insurance	35	8	1	3½ % War Loan	3	10	0
Loss on Dinner	6	0	2	P. O. Savings Bank	8	0	0
Loss on Dinner Dance		12	1	3½ % Debenture, O.H.			
Cost of Reunion and A. G. M.	19	5	8	Sports Ground Ltd, re-			
Cost of School Leavers' Party	3	5	0	ceived during year (net)	7	7	0
					196	9	8
				Deficit on year	9	8	6
	205	18	2		205	18	2

Signed:

W. R. TANNER
Hon. Treasurer.

28th September, 1953.

Audited and found correct

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